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IN

1879.

THE following report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the Lower Provinces of Bengal has been drawn up on the same plan as that adopted last year. A few of the forms of statements appended have been slightly modified. A new form has been added, at the request of the Government of India, to the series of Annual Statements, to exhibit proceedings in Insolvency. The figures relating to the Calcutta Small Cause Court have also been entered in these statements; and the business coming before that Court is noticed in chapter III of the report.

The returns of several districts were this year submitted with commendable punctuality. In others, however, the returns did not receive proper attention, and much difficulty has been caused by want of exactness in the preparation of the statements. The Court has taken serious notice of the conduct of certain officers who were particularly in fault, and the Judges trust that the reiterated instructions, which have been issued to secure proper attention being given to the preparation of these returns in the course of the year to which they relate, will lead to improved results in future.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

I.—THE HIGH COURT.

Original suits.

The number of civil suits, including Divorce, Vice-Admiralty, Testamentary, and Intestate (contentious) cases, pending on the Original Side of the High Court at the end of 1878, was 958, and the number instituted during 1879 was 815, making together 1,773.

The suits instituted during 1879 may be classified thus:—

12 suits for possession of immovable property.
6 „ for declaratory decrees.
11 „ to declare and establ property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.
22 „ to declare and establish
54 „ for an account.
4 „ to set aside judgment.
7 „ for dissolution of marriage
1 suit for enforcement of matrime
19 suits for partition.
4 „ relating to shipping (Vice-Admiralty
37 administration suits.
9 suits for dissolution of partnership.
27 „ under Section 261 of Act X of nd der the similar section of the Hindoo Wills Act.
9 other suits not falling under any of t ds.
593 suits for specific money claims amoun 43,421.

	Disposed of.	Pending at the close of the year.
* Original suits, including Vice-Admiralty, Testamentary, and Intestate (contentious) cases	853	907
Divorce suits	2	11
	855	918

The number of suits disposed of in 1879 was 855, leaving undisposed of at the end of the year 918.

Of the suits disposed of—

101 were dismissed for default or want of prosecution,
91 were withdrawn with leave,
11 were determined by compromise,
102 were decreed on confession,
296 were decreed *ex-parte*,
1 was dismissed *ex-parte*,
5 were decreed upon award,
185 cases were decreed, and
63 cases were dismissed.

Interlocutory applications.

There were also disposed of during the year 349 petitions for probate and letters of administration, 2,095 interlocutory applications, including applications for injunction, for the appointment of a receiver, for the discovery of documents, &c., and 424 applications for execution.

References to take accounts.

The number of references to take accounts, to make enquiries, to settle conveyances, &c., pending at the commencement of the year, was 91. The number of fresh references directed by the Court during the year was 145, making a total of 236. Of these, 21 were disposed of by a Judge in Chambers, and 111 were disposed of by the Registrar on the Original Side. In 18 of the cases disposed of by the Registrar, that Officer conducted the sale of property ordered to be sold otherwise than in the ordinary course of execution after examining the title and settling the conditions of sale.

Proclamations under Section 287.

In connection with the Registrar's quasi-judicial duties, it should be stated that that Officer has during the year settled the proclamation of sale by the Sheriff in the ordinary course of execution in 23 cases, in 19 of which it was found necessary to examine witnesses.

Appeals from the Original Jurisdiction.

The number of appeals from the Original Side to the Appellate Side of the Court pending at the commencement of 1879 was 15, and the number filed during the year was 52, making a total of 67. Of these, 4 were dismissed for default, and 38 were disposed of on their merits with the following results:—The decree appealed from was affirmed in 26 cases, was modified in one case, was reversed in 10 cases, and was partly reversed in 1 case, and the case was remanded to the Lower Court, with directions to allow evidence to be adduced by one of the parties on a question of fact.

References from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes.

Two references from the Calcutta Small Cause Court were pending at the commencement of 1879, and 6 references were made during the year, making a total of 8. Of these, 7 were disposed of as follows:—In 3 cases the judgment was affirmed, in 2 cases a new trial was ordered, in 1 case the judgment, which was for the defendant, was set aside, and it was ordered that judgment should be entered for the plaintiff, and in 1 case the judgment was modified by reducing the amount found in favour of the plaintiff.

Insolvent cases.

The number of cases pending in the Insolvent Court at the commencement of the year was 191, and the number filed during the year was 95, making a total of 286 cases. Of these, 110 cases were disposed of during the year as follows:—5 cases were withdrawn, 17 cases were dismissed, and in 88 cases the insolvent obtained relief.

Of the persons who sought relief in the cases disposed of, 59 were merchants, 13 were private persons who had previous to their insolvency possessed independent means, and 38 were clerks employed in public and other offices.

It should be stated that of the cases which remained undisposed of at the end of the year, 85 are cases which, though practically abandoned, it has been found necessary to retain in the list of pending cases,—see extract from judgment of White, J., in the report for 1878, p. 2.

There were also disposed of during the year 48 applications for protection and 741 miscellaneous applications.

For the hearing of original suits, 2 Judges sat together for 1 day, 2 Judges sat separately and simultaneously for 127 days, 3 Judges sat separately and simultaneously for 4 days, and 1 Judge sat alone for 87 days. References to take accounts, &c., occupied 16 days of 1 Judge. The Insolvent Court occupied 25 days of 1 Judge. The appeals from the Original Side and the references from the Calcutta Small Cause Court occupied 3 Judges for 1 day and 2 Judges for 52 days. Judges' time occupied.

There were 4 appeals pending before the Privy Council at the commencement of 1879, and 2 were filed during the year. In the cases pending at the commencement of 1879, the proceedings were transmitted to the Privy Council on the following dates:— Appeals to the Privy Council.

In the first case, in 1869.
In the two next cases, in 1871.
In the next case, in 1876.

A letter has been addressed to the Registrar of the Privy Council inquiring as to these cases, which it will probably be found have been dismissed for want of prosecution under the provisions of Rule 5 of the order of Her Majesty in Council dated 13th June 1853, though no intimation of this has been received by this Court.

The following is a statement of receipts and expenditure on the Original Side during 1879:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Commission of the Accountant General	17,301	10	7
Do. on sales by the Registrar	5,992	1	9
Receiver's commission	29,788	12	10
Fines realized	85	0	0
Other fees realized by means of stamps	2,05,106	6	0
TOTAL	2,58,273	15	2
Probate and Administration duty	2,70,912	0	0

	Receipts.			Expenditure.			Surplus.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1878	2,11,721	12	10	1,83,557	8	3	28,164	4	7
1879	2,58,275	15	2	1,78,486	4	6	79,787	10	8

The Clerk of the Crown, having during the year also officiated as Secretary to the Government of Bengal in the Legislative Department, has been allowed only half his pay of the former office. This will account for the principal portion of the reduced expenditure.

II.—CIVIL COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

The total number of orignal suits instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts of the Lower Provinces subordinate to the High Court in each of the past three years, was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of	Pending.
1877	349,349	356,503	39,279
1878	355,176	352,762	46,195
1879	374,783	373,297	53,473

In the year 1875 the total number of suits instituted was 323,466, and thus the growth in five years is shown to be more than 50,000 suits. Such an increment amply justifies the augmentation of establishment sanctioned in 1878, and points unmistakably to the necessity for a further increase.

The number of suits disposed of has kept pace fairly with the influx of business, and the increase in the number of suits pending at the close of the year is not larger than is justly due to the same cause.

Suits instituted.

	Reg.	S. C. C.
1877 . .	299,906	49,443
1878 . .	300,526	54,656
1879 . .	314,443	60,340

The figures given in the margin show that there was an increase of about 14,000 suits filed in the Regular Civil Courts, and of upwards of 5,000 in the Courts of Small Causes. In the early part of the year the district of Julpigoree and Darjeeling was broken up, the former being placed under Rungpore, and the latter under Dinagepore. Shortly afterwards a new district was formed, composed of Bogra and Pubna. Maldah was also withdrawn from Dinagepore and placed under Rajshahye. These changes of jurisdiction prevent any useful comparison between the figures for the past, and those for the previous year exhibited in the comparative tables appended to this report, so far as individual districts of the Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divisions are concerned. A comparison can, however, be made of the figures relating to the division as a whole. Referring to the details given in Table A, it will be seen that in that division there was in the past year a decrease of 2,666 suits in the Regular Civil Courts, and an increase of 361 suits in the Small Cause Courts. Turning to districts in other divisions, there was an increase in the number of suits filed of upwards of 3,000 in Backergunge; of upwards of 2,000 in Midnapore, Jessore, Dacca, Furreedpore, and Chittagong; of upwards of 1,000 in East Burdwan, 24-Pergunnahs, and Cuttack; and of upwards of 500 in West Burdwan and Hooghly. On the other hand, there was a decrease of upwards of 2,000 suits in Rungpore (including Julpigoree); of upwards of 1,000 in Mymensingh, Shahabad, and Tirhoot; and of upwards of 500 in Moorshedabad and Rajshahye (including Maldah). In the Courts of Small Causes there was an increase in the number of suits instituted of upwards of 2,000 in Jessore, of upwards of 1,000 in Nuddea and Cuttack, and a decrease of upwards of 500 in Dacca and Furreedpore.

The following are some of the reasons suggested by District Judges in explanation of the results shown in their returns.—In Backergunge many money and rent suits are said to have had their origin in the distress caused by the cyclone of 1876 and by subsequent bad harvests; but, on the other hand, the increase in title suits is ascribed to the revival of prosperity. Claims of the latter kind, being capable of postponement longer than other claims, were delayed in the recent distress only to swell the institutions on the return of better times. In Dacca the increase has been attributed to some extent to the good crop reaped in nearly all parts of the district; but as regards bond suits, the increase is explained by a general belief that the period within which suits on registered bonds might be brought had been reduced by the Limitation Act (XV) of 1877 to three years, and must therefore be brought in 1879. In Chittagong the increase is ascribed in one Munsifee to the re-transfer of Thannah Meerka-serai from Noakhali to the jurisdiction of the Munsif of Sitakoond, and in other Munsifees to the "better condition of the people" during the past year. The decrease of suits in the district of Tirhoot is attributed by the Judge to different causes. As regards money suits, the advances made in the last famine were well nigh recovered by the end of 1878, leaving but little occasion for suits in 1879; and the period for solemnizing marriages having been longer in the past year, people were under special inducements to negotiate matrimonial alliances, and to borrow for that purpose from mahajuns, who were accordingly more intent on making fresh advances than in recovering outstanding debts. Decrease in rent suits is said to have been owing to deposits of rent having been fewer; landlords, who had been detected in making false returns, preferring to make amicable arrangements with ryots, and also to the high rates for grain caused by the demands on account of the Afghan war, having rendered it easier for cultivators to pay their rents. The decrease in title suits is said to be due (negatively) to the cessation of certain causes which had led to an abnormal increase, *viz.*, the ruling of the Privy Council in the case of Dindayal *versus* Jugdeepnarain (1877) and the Land Registration Act of 1876, and (positively) to cholera and inundation. In Nuddea bond cases, however, have increased in all the Courts (and in Cuttack in the Small Cause Court), owing to the last Limitation Act of 1877 having rendered many bonds inoperative unless sued upon within two years of its becoming law, *viz.*, within the past year. The increase in suits on goods sold in Nuddea is ascribed to the destruction of the rice crop and the consequent high prices of food-grains. The

increase in rent suits is said to be owing to the proceedings of a single zemindar, who brought upwards of 300 cases for arrears of rent, &c.

Suits disposed of.

There was an increase of upwards of 3,000 in the number of suits decided in the Regular Civil Courts in Midnapore and Jessore; of upwards of 2,000 in Dacca, Backergunge, and Chittagong; and of upwards of 1,000 in the 24-Pergunnahs and Furreedpore. In Tirhoot, on the other hand, there was a decrease of upwards of 2,000 in the number of suits decided; and in Shahabad of upwards of 1,000.

Pending.

In the districts noted on the margin there was a very considerable increase in the pending files of the Regular Courts at the close of 1879. In the first and last of these districts the result is due to an increase in the number of suits instituted, while in the remaining districts it is due also to a falling off in the number of suits disposed of. It is to be observed, however, that in Tipperah, while the total number of suits disposed of was less than in the previous year, the number of contested cases decided was greater.

	Increase.
Backergunge	1,933
Tipperah	1,161
Noakhally	966
Cuttack	722

Long pending suits and appeals, 1878 and 1879.

See Statement B.

As it may easily happen that many suits have been thrown into the Courts just at the end of the year, the material enquiry must always be not how many suits were pending, but how long they had been pending. From the figures given in the margin it will be observed that the total number of suits and appeals pending for more than one year at the end of 1879 was slightly less than the corresponding number at the end of 1878. The number of original suits of long pendency has materially increased in Tirhoot and Sarun, and decreased considerably in Mymensingh, Tipperah, and Patna. In West Burdwan and Tirhoot the files of appeal fell heavily into arrear. In the former district all the old cases (143) were on the file of the District Judge, Mr. Bignold, who explained that his time during the last quarter of 1879 was so occupied with criminal work and original suits, that he could not take up the civil appeals. A Subordinate Judge since appointed to Bancoorah has reduced the file somewhat, and a further reduction is expected owing to the appointment of an Additional Judge, who has in the current year taken the place of the District Judge. The 168 old appeals in Tirhoot belonged chiefly to the file of the 1st Subordinate Judge, who is said to have been unable to clear his files in the 4th quarter of the year, when there were comparatively few working days, owing to illness. The Officer in question has since died.

	1878.	1879.
Original suits	188	185
Appeals	689	621

Number and value of suits instituted, 1875 to 1879.

See Statement C

Statement C shows that, including cases in the Courts of Small Causes, the total number of suits filed in 1879 exceeded the total number filed in 1875 by 51,317, or 13 per cent. The value in litigation at the same time increased to Rs. 4,67,05,729, as compared with Rs. 4,26,63,054, falling short, however, of the value of litigation in 1878 by upwards of two crores of rupees. This falling off relates exclusively to the District of Gya, where it is due to the fact that in 1878 four cases of exceptionally large value, Rs. 2,73,80,000, were instituted.

In the following statement the districts have been classed according to the number of suits instituted in 1879:—

Exceeding 20,000 suits.		
Backergunge.	Dacca.	Jessore.
Nuddea.	24-Pergunnahs.	
Exceeding 15,000 suits.		
Hooghly.	Midnapore.	Mymensingh.
Rungpore.	Tipperah.	
Exceeding 10,000 suits.		
Bhaugulpore.	Burdwan, E.	Chittagong.
Cuttack.	Furreedpore.	Moorshedabad.
Noakhally.		
Exceeding 5,000 suits.		
Dinagepore.	Pubna.	Purneah.
Rajshahye.	Shahabad.	Tirhoot.
Exceeding 2,000 suits.		
Burdwan, W.	Gya.	Patna.
Sarun.	Chota Nagpore.	

In Jessore the number of suits instituted was slightly in excess of 35,000, of which more than one-third were filed in Courts of Small Causes. In Nuddea the number exceeded 30,000, of which more than half were brought in Small Cause Courts.

The increase in litigation during the last five years has been marked in the following districts:—*viz.*, in Backergunge, where it has amounted to 67 per cent.; in Cuttack, where it has amounted to 77 per cent.; and in Hooghly, where it has been 31 per cent. Litigation has decreased in Dacca to the extent of 26 per cent.

Classification of suits instituted, 1878 and 1879.
See Statement D.

The number of suits of each class instituted in all the Civil Courts in each of the past two years was as follows:—

	1878.	1879.
Small Cause Court class	187,987	199,746
Rent suits	126,902	131,452
Other class	40,231	43,585

Excluding cases instituted in the Small Cause Courts, the number of cases of the Small Cause Court class instituted in 1879 was 139,406, of which 35,493 were dealt with by officers vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court for the trial of suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. Comparing the results in the past with those in the previous year, it appears that in cases instituted in the Small Cause Courts there has been an increase of 9 per cent., and in cases of the Small Cause Court class instituted in the Regular Civil Courts an increase of 4½ per cent. As regards suits under the rent law, the results in 1879 were 3 per cent. in excess of those in 1878; while in "title and other suits" there was an increase of 8 per cent.

The increase in cases of the Small Cause Court class will be considered later in this report with reference to the Small Cause Courts in which it occurred.

As regards rent suits, an increase of 1,701 cases is observable in Backergunge, of 1,767 in Jessore, and of 1,703 in Midnapore; while in Shahabad there was a decrease of 1,432 cases. In title and other suits, the increase is chiefly traceable in the returns of Backergunge, Chittagong, Midnapore, and Tipperah; and a marked decrease took place in Bhaugulpore, Nuddea, and Tirhoot.

The following statements, prepared in accordance with the practice of former years, will show in what districts suits of each class are most numerous.

Including Small Cause Courts, each of the following districts had more than 10,000 suits for money or movables:—

	1878.	1879.
Dacca	15,116	16,771
Jessore	14,503	18,155
24-Pergunnahs	14,102	15,662
Mymensingh	13,141	11,926
Nuddea	11,733	13,779

These districts occupy the same relative position in the past as in the previous year.

The only districts in which the number of rent suits exceeded 10,000 in the past year were—

	1878.	1879.
Backergunge	10,217	11,918
Jessore	12,885	14,652

In the following districts the number of title and other suits instituted in the past year exceeded 2,500:—

	1878.	1879.
East Burdwan	2,776	2,708
24-Pergunnahs	2,675	2,661
Mymensingh	2,521	2,669
Tipperah	1,766	2,701

The following table gives details regarding the suits for money or movables instituted in the past two years in the Regular Civil Courts and the Courts of Small Causes :—

Description of Suits.	Small Cause Courts.		Regular Courts.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879
On written obligation	28,166	32,567	98,210	99,649
On unwritten obligation	6,500	6,668	7,767	8,830
On account stated	2,208	2,620	6,922	7,222
Money had and received	1,193	1,556	2,409	3,328
Goods sold	7,534	7,834	3,292	4,206
Wages, work, and materials	1,192	1,108	1,001	1,367
Rent not falling under the rent-law	2,800	3,204	1,831	2,282
Movable property or value thereof	750	761	6,010	6,692
Damages	2,615	2,575	4,107	4,234
Other suits for money or movables not mentioned above	1,398	1,447	1,832	1,596
Total	54,656	60,340	133,381	139,406

It will be observed that there has been a material increase in the number of suits on bonds in the Small Cause Courts. In the Regular Civil Courts the increase under this head is less noticeable than that under the head "suits on unwritten obligation."

The following table contains a comparative statement of the various descriptions of rent suits instituted during the past two years in the Civil Courts and in the Revenue Courts :—

Description of Suits.	Civil Courts.		Revenue Courts.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Arrears of rent	119,097	125,436	7,472	8,141
Enhancement or abatement of rent	1,520	1,836	87	88
Relating to distraint	431	363	683	527
Damages for extortion, &c.	300	251	93	113
For pottahs or kabulyuts	256	96	144	101
For ejectment or recovery of possession	829	1,224	454	337
For recovery of money or accounts from Agents	842	929	19	27
All other suits under the rent law	3,627	1,317	52	71
Total	126,902	131,452	9,004	9,405

There was an increase in the suits for arrears of rent, as well as in those for enhancement or abatement and for ejectment; but a decrease in the heading "all other suits under the rent law."

The following statement gives detail of suits other than rent suits and suits of the Small Cause Court class instituted in the past two years :—

Description of Suits.	Number of Suits.		Percentage of the total number of the class	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879
Suits for immovable property	25,143	25,615	62·5	58·76
Suits for declaratory decrees	781	1,201	1·94	2·75
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	4,570	4,883	11·33	11 20
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property	6,046	8,082	15·02	18·56
Suits to declare and establish personal rights	912	893	2·26	2·04
Suits for an account	693	583	1·72	1 10
Suits relating to religious endowments	84	37	·2	·08
Suits to set aside judgments, &c., on the ground of fraud	568	590	1·41	1·35
Suits for dissolution of marriage	48	23	·11	·05
Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights	381	376	·87	·86
Suits for partition	638	554	1·58	1·27
Suits relating to shipping	3	1	...	...
Suits relating to religion and caste	74	16	·18	·36
Administration suits.	78	1	·19	..
Interpleader suits	48	47	·04	·10
Dissolution of partnership	18	18	·11	04
Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865	47	107	·26	·24
Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	105	558	...	1·28
Total	40,237	43,585	100	100

The only noticeable difference between the results of the two years compared above is that there was an increase of 2,036 cases in the suits to declare and establish rights to real property.

Suits valued according to class.

See Statement E.

In the following statement the value of suits of each class instituted in each of the past two years is exhibited. The figures for 1878 differ from those shown in last report, owing to corrections made in the Hooghly and Patna statements :—

		1878.	1879.
		Rs.	Rs.
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts	27,79,109	32,17,080
	Regular Courts	1,49,73,720	1,68,11,940
Suits under the rent law		74,62,678	76,02,524
Title and other suits		4,49,27,052	1,90,74,185

The great decrease under the head of title and other suits in 1879 is owing chiefly to the fact already noticed, that in the previous year a few suits of exceptionally large values were instituted in Gya. This explains also the decrease under the same head appearing in the following table, which exhibits the average value of a suit of each class in each of the two past years as follows :—

		1878.	1879.
		Rs.	Rs.
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts	50·8	53·3
	Regular Courts	111·8	120·5
Suits under the rent law		58·8	57·8
Title and other suits.		1122·5	437·6

The following table gives further details of the value of suits instituted in 1879:— Details of value.

See Statement 3.

Details of Value.	Suits for money or movables.			Suits under the rent law.	Title and other suits.
	Small Cause Courts.	Regular Courts			
		Under Small Cause Court powers.	Under Ordinary Procedure.		
Not exceeding Rs. 10 . .	10,949	6,189	7,212	44,562	5,274
„ „ „ 50 . .	28,936	29,179	45,795	58,899	16,591
„ „ „ 100 . .	12,397	..	26,628	15,205	8,184
„ „ „ 500 . .	8,058	...	20,392	10,640	9,026
Exceeding „ 500 or value not ascertained . . .	..	...	4,061	2,146	4,510
Total . .	60,340	35,318	1,04,088	1,31,452	43,585

It thus appears that 364,066, or 97·1 per cent. of the whole number of suits instituted in the Civil Courts, did not exceed Rs. 500 in value. Of those instituted in the Small Cause Courts, 39,885, or 66·1 per cent., did not exceed Rs. 50. in value. Of suits of the Small Cause Court class instituted in the Regular Civil Courts, 88,325, or 63·3 per cent., did not exceed the same value. Of these, 35,318 were dealt with by officers vested with Small Cause Court powers. Of rent suits, 33·8 per cent. did not exceed Rs. 10 in value, and 44·8 per cent. more exceeding Rs. 10 did not exceed Rs. 50 in value. Of title and other suits, 68·9 per cent. did not exceed Rs. 100 in value.

The following statement gives details of 10,205 suits in which the value is said to have exceeded Rs. 500:—

Not exceeding Rs.	1,000	in value	5,429
„ „	5,000	„	3,850
„ „	10,000	„	563
„ „	1,00,000	„	342
Exceeding „	1,00,000	„	21

In the remaining 512 cases, the value cannot be estimated in money.

The manner in which suits were disposed of during each of the past five years is shown in the following table:— Suits how disposed of.

See Statement F

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.
1875 . . .	114,047	118,061	88,780	320,888
1876 . . .	126,068	127,776	92,163	346,007
1877 . . .	129,094	133,254	93,094	355,442
1878 . . .	126,961	131,805	94,151	352,917
1879 . . .	139,070	140,466	93,761	373,297

Contested cases formed 25·11 per cent. of the whole number decided in 1879, as compared with 26·6 per cent. in 1878 and 26·19 in 1877.

In the following statement details are given for 1879 according to the class of suit, and the class of Court in which decided:—

		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	
Courts of Small Causes .		30,240	19,589	11,670	61,499
Regular Courts	Suits for money or movables .	52,970	60,511	24,262	137,743
	Suits under rent law .	39,613	54,105	37,757	131,475
	Title and other suits .	16,247	6,261	20,072	42,580
Total .		108,830	120,877	82,091	311,798

From this it appears that while in the Small Cause Courts 18·9 per cent. of the cases decided were contested, as compared with 26·3 in the Regular Courts, the ratio in the latter for each class of suits separately was in suits for money 17·6 per cent., in rent suits 28·7 per cent., and in title and other suits 46·9 per cent. The largest proportion of contested suits is, as usual, found among claims to establish title and other cases; while the smallest number contested are among claims for money or movables.

Of the suits for money, &c., entered above, as decided in the Regular Courts, 35,493 cases were dealt with by officers vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge for the trial of petty suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. The manner in which these cases separately were disposed of is shown in the margin. Only 16·6 per cent. were contested.

Withdrawn, &c. . .	15,031
Decided *ex-parte* . .	14,540
Contested. . . .	5,922
TOTAL .	35,493

Districts where contested suits were most numerous.

The following were the only districts with more than 5,000 contested cases in the past year:—

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Jessore	8,255	8,188	8,313
24-Pergunnahs	7,118	6,999	7,564
Nuddea	4,853	5,299	5,855
Tipperah	4,989	4,632	5,045

As in the previous year, the proportion of contested cases decided in the Regular Civil Courts was greatest in certain districts of the Patna Division, mentioned below:—

	Percentage of contested cases			
	In suits for money, &c.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.	TOTAL.
Patna	10·8	50·5	31·3	48·5
Shahabad	18·5	42·9	33·5	34
Tirhoot	22·8	52·9	24·2	46·8

In the following statement further details are given of the manner in which suits were disposed of in the Civil Courts in the interior and in the Small Cause Courts separately. The proportion of cases in which the plaintiffs and defendants were respectively successful during the past three years is also shown:—

ALL COURTS, INCLUDING SMALL CAUSE COURTS.			Mode of disposal.	SMALL CAUSE COURTS SEPARATELY.		
1877.	1878.	1879.		1877.	1878.	1879.
841	556	613	Plaints rejected, &c. .	94	56	59
32,053	30,013	37,545	Default . . .	6,944	6,644	7,467
7,612	7,282	7,992	Withdrawn . . .	1,202	1,142	1,266
16,977	15,492	13,158	Dismissed *ex-parte* .	286	197	366
27,158	25,686	25,535	Dismissed on trial. .	3,191	3,223	3,409
84,641	79,029	84,843	Plaintiff loses . .	11,717	11,262	12,567
38,513	42,683	46,780	Compromised . .	6,371	7,163	7,524
50,075	46,427	46,140	Confession . . .	11,414	11,684	13,924
116,277	116,313	127,308	Decreed *ex-parte* . .	13,256	15,731	19,223
65,936	68,465	68,226	Decreed on trial . .	7,116	8,090	8,201
232,288	231,205	241,674	Plaintiff wins . .	31,786	35,505	41,408
38,513	42,683	46,780	Add Compromised .	6,371	7,163	7,524
2,70,801	273,888	288,454	.....	38,157	42,668	48,932

From the above the following ratios are deducible, showing in what proportion of the whole number of cases decided the plaintiff was successful or the reverse :—

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Plaintiff loses	23·8	22·4	22·7
Compromised	10·8	12·1	12·5
Plaintiff wins	64·4	65·5	64·7

The percentage of cases in which the plaintiff was unsuccessful was very nearly the same last year as in the year preceding. Under the heads "Compromised" and "Plaintiff wins," the results in the three past years vary little.

	Percentage.
Plaintiff loses . .	20·4
Compromised . .	12·2
Plaintiff wins . .	67·3

In the Courts of Small Causes taken separately, the success of the plaintiff was slightly greater than in the Courts generally, though there was no material difference in the results.

Applications to set aside ex-parte judgment, or judgments in default. *See Statement G.*

The following statement shows for each of the past three years the number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex-parte*, compared with the number of applications for setting aside the judgments in such cases made and granted :—

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex-parte*	148,330	146,326	164,853
Number of applications to set aside judgments in such cases	8,972	8,832	9,139
Number of such applications granted . . .	3,055	3,051	3,890

The ratio of applications in 1879 to judgments was 5·5 per cent., or very slightly less than it had been in the previous year. Of the applications made last year, 42·3 per cent. were granted, as compared with 34·5 per cent. in 1878. Of 59 applications made in the Courts of Judges, 38 were granted, of which 15 belonged to the District Court of Mymensingh.

Decrees how executed. *See Statement H.*

The following statement shows the number of applications for the execution of decrees on which realizations were made in the past three years in full or partial satisfaction of decrees, and the amount realized in the Regular Civil Courts :—

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realized. Rs.
1877	66,959	45,339	1,26,86,768
1878	70,613	50,069	1,49,51,076
1879	76,043	44,534	1,37,00,646

The corresponding figures for Small Cause Courts during the past two years are as follows :—

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realized. Rs.
1878	5,497	6,416	4,38,860
1879	5,940	7,023	3,87,547

In the Regular Civil Courts there was a *decrease* in the amount realized last year of Rs. 12,50,430, as compared with an *increase* of Rs. 22,64,308 in the previous year. The following are the districts in which the amount realized in these Courts was greatest :—

	Amount realized. 1878. Rs.	1879. Rs.
Backergunge	8,92,905	9,32,981
Bhaugulpore	14,72,547	10,31,477
Hooghly	4,24,686	9,37,912
Tirhoot	11,57,425	8,36,269
24-Pergunnahs	7,18,701	8,52,166

The increase in the amount realized is remarkable in Hooghly, where it has more than doubled, as compared with the proceeds of the previous year. In the 24-Pergunnahs the realizations in 1879 exceeded those of 1878 by above a lakh and a quarter.

The increased realizations in Hooghly may be due, the Judge suggests, to the influence of the new Procedure Code in infusing a greater degree of earnestness into decree-holders, "now that the period of three years from the date of the passing of the Code (30th March 1877) prescribed by the last clause of section 230 for execution of old decrees is fast approaching its close."

In Bhaugulpore an exceptionally large amount (nearly 14¾ lakhs) was realized in 1878, and the result was ascribed to the "improved circumstances of the cultivators." The amount realized in the past year (Rs. 10,31,477) fell considerably short of this, but was in excess of the amount realized in 1877. No explanation is offered as to the decrease.

The following statement shows the number of applications for the execution of decrees disposed of in the past year on which realizations were made with and without the issue of process, and the amount realized with and without it, in the Regular Civil Courts and in the Small Cause Courts separately :—

		Number of applications.	Amount realized.
			Rs.
Regular Civil Courts	With process . .	103,799	1,23,09,397
	Without do. . .	16,788	13,91,249
Small Cause Courts	With process . .	11,115	3,00,189
	Without do. . .	1,548	87,358

Taking all the Courts together, it will appear that the issue of process was found to be unnecessary in 13 per cent. only of the applications on which realizations were effected.

Decrees executed.
See Statement 6.

In Statement 6 further details will be found regarding the manner in which decrees were executed in 1879. The number of applications, including verbal ones, for execution, dealt with by the Civil Courts in the interior, was 317,891; the whole number disposed of, 263,344; and the number pending, 54,547. Satisfaction in whole or in part was obtained in 133,540 cases. Of the applications disposed of, the creditor's claim was adjusted under section 258, Civil Procedure Code, in 40,197 cases, and 113,885 applications were wholly infructuous. This does not mean that so many decrees became inoperative, but merely that single attempts to execute were unsuccessful or not persevered with.

Coercive processes.

The following figures show the comparative frequency of certain modes of execution in the past five years :—

Year.	Possession given	Imprisonment of person.	Property sold.	
			Movable.	Immovable.
1875	6,221	3,058	16,224	16,030
1876	8,098	3,537	18,847	18,828
1877	7,636	3,922	15,559	23,681
1878	7,588	1,984	8,957	32,248
1879	8,064	2,190	10,299	32,240

The number of applications on which possession was given in the past year is somewhat larger than that of either of the two preceding years. In 218 cases only of the entire number in 1879 was the property of which possession was given movable property. The number of cases in which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned increased slightly in the year under report, as compared with the comparatively small number in the previous year. The cases of arrest not terminating in imprisonment were 5,289.

The effect ascribed in the report of last year to section 266, Civil Procedure Code, may still be observed in the relative proportion of cases in which movable property and immovable property were sold, *viz.*, as 10,299 to 32,240. The returns show, however, that in 7,805 cases movable, and in 25,457 cases immovable property was attached, but subsequently released under the operation of section 275, Act X of 1877, either because satisfaction was obtained, or the decree set aside.

Other modes in which execution was effected were as follows:—In 1,461 cases the judgment-debtor's immovable property was dealt with under sections 305, 322, or 326, Civil Procedure Code, that is, opportunity was given to raise money on the property and so satisfy the decree. Specific performance was enforced in 490 cases, and partition was effected in 161 cases. Details are not given of the manner in which decrees were executed in 1,728 cases.

Original miscellaneous (judicial) cases.
See Statement I

In last year's report it was stated that the Court had issued instructions to secure uniformity in the preparation of the returns of miscellaneous business coming before the Courts. It will accordingly be found that the figures given in last year's report differ from those given in the following table, which exhibits the number of original miscellaneous cases *of a judicial nature*, which were instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Regular Civil Courts, and in the Small Cause Courts in each of the past two years:—

		Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
Regular Civil Courts	1878 . .	43,080	42,571	7,496
	1879 . .	33,780	35,030	6,877
Small Cause Courts	1878 . .	1,714	1,650	183
	1879 . .	3,079	3,046	257

The returns indicate an increase of business coming into the Small Cause Courts, and a decrease in the Regular Civil Courts. Much reliance cannot, however, be placed upon the revised figures here given for 1878, as the registers for that year were not maintained according to the practice now prescribed.

Miscellaneous (non-judicial) cases.
See Statement I1

In the course of business many matters of a miscellaneous nature, other than judicial duties, necessarily require the attention of the officers presiding in the several grades of Civil Courts. For the purposes of a report on the Administration of Civil Justice, it is not necessary that a record should be kept of these; but the Court has thought it desirable, for purposes connected with the general administration, that returns should be submitted by the Courts of first instance, showing the number of certain classes of applications made to them under the rent law, to which it is important that prompt attention should be given. Such are applications for the deposit of rent, applications for assistance to distrain, and applications for the sale of distrained property. The following table shows the total number of such applications instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in each of the past two years:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1878	20,580	18,586	7,848
1879	34,968	31,675	13,712

These figures also suggest that the registers for 1878 are defective. In explanation of the large number of cases pending at the end of 1879, it has been stated that an erroneous practice has prevailed in some Courts of keeping on the file applications for the deposit of rent until the person to whom the rent is payable appears to claim it. It has been ruled that such applications should be treated as disposed of as soon as the notice required by law has been served on the landlord.

Average duration of cases
See Statement Q.

The following statement shows the average duration of cases contested and uncontested before the several grades of Courts:—

		District Judges.		Subordinate Judges		Munsifs.		Small Cause Court Judges.	
		M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.
Under Ordinary Procedure.	Contested	6	16	6	12	2	27	. .	...
	Uncontested	2	25	2	20	1	14	...	...
Under Small Cause Court Procedure.	Contested	...	...	0	20	1	0	0	28
	Uncontested	...	...	0	18	0	25	0	21

III.—SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

I.—The Presidency Small Cause Court.

The procedure of the Presidency Small Cause Courts being regulated by a Special Act, some difficulty is found in filling up the returns, which have been devised specially with a view to exhibit the working of the Courts in the interior. The Judges of the Calcutta Small Cause Court have, however, supplied such information as was obtainable from the registers maintained by them, and the results of the working of the Court will now be briefly noticed in accordance with the request of the Government of India contained in their Resolution on the Court's report for 1877.

Calcutta Small Cause Court.

The number of suits instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Calcutta Small Cause Court during each of the past two years, was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1878	36,000	35,705	1,436
1879	37,199	37,051	1.584

In 30,109, or in nearly 81 per cent., of the cases instituted last year, the value in litigation was very trifling, in no case exceeding Rs. 50. It exceeded Rs. 500 in 674 cases, in 70 of which the value was in excess of Rs. 1,000.

Of the suits disposed of during the past year, 5,541 did not come to trial, having been dismissed for default or want of prosecution, 26,903 were decided without contest in the manner shown in the margin, and 4,607 were decided with contest or on reference to arbitration.

Compromised . . .	13,534
Decreed on confession .	4,861
Decreed *ex-parte*. . .	8,463
Dismissed *ex-parte* . .	45

The number of miscellaneous judicial cases disposed of by the Court in 1879 was 433. Of these, 80 were commissions received for execution from Courts in the interior, and 353 were distraint cases (not being interpleader claims) under the Distress Act, 1875.

The return of proceedings in the execution of decrees is defective. It appears, however, that 16,150 warrants were issued, 3,927 of which were wholly infructuous. Of the rest, 6,850 were satisfied in full, and 4,941 in part. Of the warrants on which satisfaction were obtained, 10,049 were satisfied directly through the intervention of the Court. The difference of 1,742 is made up of cases where, after a warrant has been issued, the debtor has paid the money probably hearing that a warrant is out against him.

The total amount realized in the execution department was Rs. 4,04,149, as shown in the margin.

	Rs.
With the issue of process .	1,63,793
Without the issue of process .	2,40,356
	4,04,149

II.—Small Cause Courts in the interior.

Small Cause Courts in the Interior.

See Statement A1.

The business coming before the Small Cause Courts in each district is shown in Statement A, which has already been noticed. In Statement A1 will be found details for each Court separately. No change occurred in the number of such Courts. The Court at Pubna was, however, withdrawn from the Kooshtea Circle, to which it was formerly attached, in consequence of the new district of Pubna having been formed. The Subordinate Judge attached to the district has been appointed Judge of the Small Cause Court. Should he be withdrawn, it is intended that the District Judge himself should preside in that Court.

The total number of cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Small Cause Courts during the past two years, was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1878	54,656	53,930	3,962
1879	60,340	61,499	3,896

In the past year there was thus an increase of 5,684 cases filed and of 7,569 decided, as compared with the previous year, which again had shown an increase over the year 1877. The pending files, however, are slightly lighter. The Courts, or groups of Courts, where the increase in the number of cases instituted has been greatest, are shown in the margin. In last annual report, it was noticed that the grant

	Increas
Hooghly, &c. . .	910
Kishnaghur, &c. . .	818
Kooshtea, &c. . .	973
Jessore . . .	984
Magoora, &c. . .	1,659
Cuttack . . .	1,134

to Small Cause Courts of exclusive jurisdiction in certain cases, even when the defendant does not reside or carry on business within the local limits of that jurisdiction, might in some measure be the reason of the increase in the number of cases coming before the Courts in the immediate vicinity of Calcutta. It is to be remarked, however, that while the total number of cases instituted in the Small Cause Courts in 1879 exceeded the number instituted in 1878 by no less than 5,684 cases, the number of contested cases decided in the past year was greater than the number decided in the previous year by 357 cases only. The increase has therefore been almost entirely in uncontested cases, and may well be the result of a desire to save limitation, as explained above.

The subjoined table shows the number of cases instituted during each of the past four years in the principal Courts and Circles :—

	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
Magoora, &c.	6,700	7,360	6,978	8,637
Dacca and Moonsheegunge .	5,201	5,661	6,061	5,552
Jessore	5,194	5,102	4,943	5,927
Kooshtea, &c. (including Pubna)	4,723	4,755	5,151	6,555
Kishnaghur, &c. . . .	4,443	4,693	5,520	6,338
Sealdah	4,397	4,380	5,581	5,690
Hooghly, &c.	3,627	3,783	4,220	5,130
Bhaugulpore and Monghyr .	3,592	3,406	4,222	3,953
Furreedpore and Bhangah .	1,605	1,648	1,547	908

In nearly all Small Cause Courts the suits decided kept pace with those instituted, so that there was no accumulation of arrears.

Cases how decided.

As already stated above, 11,670 cases, or 18·9 per cent. of the whole number decided in the Courts of Small Causes, were contested. The following are the Courts, or groups of Courts, where the number of contested cases was greatest in the past two years :— *See Statement F.*

	1878.	1879.
Magoora, &c.	1,384	1,310
Jessore	1,335	1,080
Hooghly, &c.	1,276	1,365
Kishnaghur, &c.	1,261	1,456
Sealdah	1,181	1,297
Kooshtea, &c.	1,175	1,493
Dacca, &c.	876	821
Bhaugulpore, &c.	719	760

In the Small Cause Court at Jessore there has been a decrease in 1879 of contested cases almost equal to the increase in the previous year. There has been a marked increase in the Kooshtea group, but no remarkable difference in other Courts.

Value of suits instituted.

In last report it was stated that the increase of work in the Sealdah Small Cause Court had necessitated the appointment of a Registrar in order to relieve the Judge of much of the routine of the office, and to dispose of petty suits. In the past year the Judge decided 4,136 cases, of which 1,134 were contested, and the Registrar decided 1,710 cases, of which 161 were contested.

Officers vested with Small Cause Court powers.

It has been already shown that of the suits instituted in the Small Cause Courts in 1879, 10,951 did not exceed Rs. 10 in value, and 28,923 more did not exceed Rs. 50 in value. The exact number in which the value did not exceed Rs. 20 is not stated; but if it be assumed to be a little more than one-third of the entire number instituted, it would be about 22,000.

As has been already stated, 35,493 cases were disposed of last year by officers vested with Small Cause Court powers for the trial of petty suits not exceeding Rs. 50. Of these, 5,922, or 16·6 per cent., were contested. It has been shown before that of the cases of the Small Cause Court class before officers not vested with Small Cause Court powers, more than 50,000 did not exceed Rs. 50 in value; 26,628 more suits lay between Rs. 50 and Rs. 100 in value. The Court has already on more than one occasion suggested that the powers of Munsifs under section 29, Act VI of 1871, may be extended to cases of the value of Rs. 100.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

IV.—THE HIGH COURT.

I.—Appeals under Section 15 of the Letters Patent.

The statement in the margin shows the number of appeals under section 15 of the Letters Patent preferred against the decrees of the High Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction, and decided in each of the past two years. The number of appeals from the decisions of Judges of the High Court in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction before the Court in 1879, including 15 pending from the previous year, was 67, of which 42 were decided and 25 remained undisposed of at the close of the year.

Class of Appeals.	Filed.		Decided.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
First appeals .	29	52	36	42
Second appeals .	2	0	1	1
Third appeals .	97	36	151	30

The "second appeals" referred to, were appeals in cases where the Judges of a Division Bench sitting in appeal were equally divided in opinion. This class of appeals became extinct by the operation of section 575, C. C. P.

Third appeals are those appeals preferred from the decision of a single Judge in appeals against appellate decisions in cases not exceeding Rs. 50 in value.

The annexed figures show a marked diminution in the actual number of these small appeals, as well as in the number heard by a single Judge. To this fact in part is due the large decrease already shown in the number of "third appeals;" but another cause is to be found in the character of these appeals themselves, which were commonly frivolous and obviously preferred for purposes of delay, as the following table shows:—

	1878.	1879.
Disposed of by a single Judge.	617	294
Ditto by a bench of two Judges	285	409
Total .	902	703

	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Disposed of otherwise.
1878	131	1	12	5	3
1879	25	...	4	2	...

Their vexatious character at length elicited serious observation from the Court and with excellent results. The fact explains to a great extent the decrease, which from the table given above, it will be observed, has occurred in the number of third appeals filed.

As long, however, as the law allows a further appeal in the High Court itself against the decision of a single Judge, the use of single benches will be of little advantage. Not only will the time of highly paid Judges be occupied in a degree quite out of proportion with the importance of the subject-matter, but as the parties to such cases are too often unequally matched in respect of means to carry on the contest, undue chances are given to the richer or more obstinate litigant.

II.—Appeals from Courts in the interior.

Including cases coming from Assam and British Burmah, the number of first and second appeals from the decrees and orders of the Civil Courts in the interior brought before the Court and decided in the past two years was as shown in the margin. Of the first appeals brought before the Court in 1879, 34, and of those decided, 7, were appeals in contested Probate Cases.

Class of Appeals.	Brought before the Court.		Decided.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
First appeals—				
From decrees .	309	366	437	289
From orders .	198	197	220	206
Second appeals—				
From decrees .	2,636	3,012	2,963	1,941
From orders .	139	194	132	100

The following statement shows the manner in which the appeals brought before the Court came upon the file:—

			Instituted.	Received by transfer.	On review of judgt.	Revived.
Appeals from	Original	decrees	350	9	2	5
		orders	195	0	1	1
	Appellate	decrees	3,001	0	7	4
		orders	102	0	1	1

It will, doubtless, attract attention that the number of appeals disposed of by the Court on the Civil Side was materially less in 1879 than in 1878. The amount of the decrease under each head is shown in the margin. This result is due not to any decrease in the number of days of sitting (for the Court sat on 242 days in the past as compared with 237 days in the previous year), but in part to the diminished number of Judges present during the latter half of 1879, in part to the demands made by other business on the time of the Judges who sat, in part also to the fact already noticed that only 294 against 617 second appeals were heard by single Judges, and finally, in part to the nature of the cases coming before the Court. It occasionally happens, as it did in 1879, that a single obstinately contested appeal occupies a Division Bench for weeks. In consequence, moreover, of the large increase of the work on the Original Side, it has been found necessary during the last two years to keep two Judges sitting almost continuously on the Original Side, whereas 3 or 4 years ago one Judge could generally get through the causes, with the assistance occasionally of a second Judge, when all the 12 Judges were available. The effect of this is that when one or more Judges are absent on leave, only 4 Division Benches can be formed on the Appellate Side.

	Decrease.
First appeals—	
From decrees	148
From orders	14
Second appeals—	
From decrees	1,022
From orders	32

The following statement shows in a more complete form the work which has come before the High Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction during each of the past four years. The increase in criminal business, it will be seen, is steady, and to some slight extent balances the falling off in civil work :—

Class of Appeals.	Brought before the Court.				Decided.			
	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
First appeals — From decrees	367	343	309	366	313	294	437	289
First appeals — „ orders	261	259	198	197	254	254	220	206
Second appeals — From decrees	2,945	2,658	2,636	3,012	2,799	3,371	2,963	1,941
Second appeals — „ orders	152	104	139	104	157	135	132	100
Appeals under the Letters Patent	152	144	99	36	139	153	152	31
References to a Fuel Bench	4	9	13	4	3	11	11	4
Applications for review	2	6	59	45	2	7	61	45
References	...	...	19	24	...	...	21	22
Criminal cases	1,210	1,107	1,253	1,384	1,183	1,139	1,272	1,318

In the following table is shown, as usual, the number of Judges at the commencement of each month during the last three years, excluding those on leave or deputation :—

Number of Judges of the High Court on the 1st of each month, excluding those on leave or deputation.

	1877.				1878.				1879.			
	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.
January	5	6	...	11	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
February	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
March	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
April	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6 (*a*)	1	12
May	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
June	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6 (*b*)	1	12
July	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12	5	5	1	11
August	5	5	1	11	5	5	1	11	4 (*c*)	5	1	10
September	5	6	1	12	3	5	1	9	4	5	1	10
October	4	5	1	10	4	6	1	11	4	5	1	10
November	4	6	1	11	5	6	1	12	5 (*e*)	6 (*d*)	1	12
December	4	6	1	11	5	6	1	12	4 (*f*)	6	0 (*g*)	10

(*a*). Mr. Justice Birch vacated his seat as a Judge on the 18th April 1879.
Mr. Justice Tottenham took his seat as an Officiating Judge on the 18th April 1879.
(*b*). Mr. Justice Jackson availed himself of three months' privilege leave on the 17th June 1879.
(*c*). Mr. Justice White availed himself of two months' privilege leave on the 16th July 1879.
Mr. Justice Tottenham was confirmed as a Judge of the Court on the 7th August 1879, in the room of Mr. Justice Birch, resigned.
(*d*). Mr. Justice Jackson resumed his seat as a Judge previous to the opening of the Court in November 1879.
(*e*). Mr Justice White resumed his seat as a Judge on the 17th November 1879.
Mr. Justice Ainslie availed himself of furlough for one year on the 17th November 1879.
Mr. Justice Maclean took his seat as an Officiating Judge on the 17th November 1879.
(*f*). Mr. Justice Broughton availed himself of privilege leave for one month and nineteen days, from the 17th November 1879.
(*g*). Mr. Justice Mitter availed himself of three months' privilege leave on the 17th November 1879.

The following statement shows the state of the appeal files of the High Court from year to year since its constitution :—

Number of Appeals from the Decisions of the Courts in the interior pending at the close of the years 1862 to 1878.

	First appeals.	Second appeals.	Miscellaneous.		First appeals.	Second appeals.	Miscellaneous.
1862	1,146	4,382	342	1871	204	751	115
1863	487	2,927	403	1872	290	1,636	119
1864	340	2,104	216	1873	346	2,207	153
1865	252	1,325	257	1874	381	2,588	305
1866	338	1,471	278	1875	444	3,228	220
1867	348	2,369	296	1876	498	3,374	222
1868	219	1,738	173	1877	547	2,301	196
1869	223	1,324	201	1878	418	1,971	181
1870	202	1,433	168	1879	495	3,045	176

It will be observed that the file of appeals from original decrees at the close of last year, though heavier than at the close of the previous year, was lighter than at the close of 1877. The file of appeals from appellate decrees was considerably heavier than it had been for two years previously, but was not so heavy as at the end of 1876. The number of miscellaneous appeals pending at the end of last year was not materially different from the number pending at the end of the previous year. The arrangements of the Court carefully provide that no delay shall occur in disposing of business of this class.

It is to be remarked that, of the number of appeals from appellate decrees pending at the end of the year, no less than 1,378, or more than 45 per cent., were valued each of less than Rs. 50.

Districts from which appeals came.

Of the 350 appeals from original decrees instituted during the past year, 6 came from Assam and 1 from British Burmah. Of the 343 appeals pertaining to the Lower Provinces of Bengal, the largest numbers came from the following districts, *viz.*, 39 from Tirhoot, 33 from Patna, 26 from Hooghly, 25 from Bhaugulpore, and 22 from Nuddea. The number of such cases received from each of the remaining districts, and especially from Tipperah, Midnapore, and Sarun, was comparatively small.

See Statement Y.

Deducting 106 appeals coming from Assam, the number of appeals from appellate decrees of the Courts in the interior of the Lower Provinces instituted during the year was 2,895. Of these, 270 came from Tirhoot, 268 from Bhaugulpore, 261 from Patna, and 221 from the 24-Pergunnahs. From the following districts numbers less than 100 of these appeals were received, *viz.*, Hooghly 88, Midnapore 88, Nuddea 71, Rajshahye 52, and Noakholly 18.

Appeals classed according to value.

The following statement exhibits separately for each province the value of appeals from original and appellate decrees instituted during the past year:—

	Appeals from original decrees		Appeals from appellate decrees	
	Valued at Rs. 10,000 and upwards.	Valued at less than Rs. 10,000.	Valued at more than Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 50 in value
Lower Provinces of Bengal	63	280	1,661	1,234
Assam	2	4	52	54
British Burmah	0	1	0	0

It will be observed that of the appeals from original decrees, 65, or 18·5 per cent., were valued at Rs. 10,000 and upwards. Of the appeals against appellate decrees, 1,288, or 42·8 per cent. of the whole, were of a value not exceeding Rs. 50.

The following are the districts from which the greatest number of these petty appeals came:—Tirhoot (199), Sarun (104), Patna and Shahabad (82 each), Jessore (80), 24-Pergunnahs (60).

The following table shows more in detail the value of appeals from the original and appellate decrees of the Courts in the interior, and of third appeals under the Letters Patent instituted during the year:—

Value.	Appeals from original decrees of Courts in the interior.	Appeals from appellate decrees of Courts in the interior.	Third appeals under the Letters Patent.
Not exceeding Rs. 10	1	439	14
„ „ „ 50	11	849	22
„ „ „ 100	9	404	...
„ „ „ 500	32	850	...
„ „ „ 1,000	24	240	...
„ „ „ 5,000	73	212	...
„ „ „ 10,000	101	...	...
„ „ „ 1,00,000	54	...	...
Exceeding „ 1,00,000	7	...	...
Value not denotable	38*a*	7*b*	...
TOTAL	350*c*	3,001	36

(*a*). Thirty-four of these are Will cases. Three for declaration of title. One under Act XXI of 1870.
(*b*). These are cases for declaration of title.
(*c*). This includes 1 appeal from Moulmein.

Result of Appeals.

Fifty-one appeals from original decrees, 57 appeals from appellate decrees, and 22 miscellaneous appeals, did not come to a hearing, having been dismissed in default or otherwise not prosecuted.

See Statement Z.

The details are as follows:—

	Appeals from original decrees.	Appeals from appellate decrees.	Miscellaneous appeals.
Dismissed in default	22	40	14
Withdrawn	8	6	7
Compromised	21	11	1

The result of appeal as affecting the decisions of the Lower Courts in the cases decided on trial is shown in the following table :—

	Appeals from original decrees.	Appeals from appellate decrees.	Miscellaneous appeals.
Affirmed	150	1,384	176
Reversed	55	144	68
Varied	19	48	15
Remanded	10	214	17

The ratio of cases in which the decisions of the Lower Courts were reversed or varied was 31·6 per cent. in the case of appeals from original decrees, 10·7 per cent. in the case of appeals from appellate decrees, and 30 per cent. in the case of miscellaneous appeals.

The reason of this difference in ratio will be obvious on consideration. In the first and last named classes of appeals both law and fact are open; in the other, only questions of law.

The following table shows separately for Judges and Subordinate Judges the percentage of cases heard, in which their decisions were affirmed or were reversed or modified.

	Affirmed.		Modified or reversed.	
	Judges.	Subordinate Judges.	Judges.	Subordinate Judges.
Appeals from original decrees	65·7	63·4	28·5	32·9
Appeals from appellate decrees	72·6	81·5	13·7	7·9
Miscellaneous appeals	64	63·2	28	33·6

In Backergunge, 24-Pergunnahs, Rajshahye, and Noakholly, where all the original decrees against which an appeal was heard were affirmed, the results of appeals of this class were most infructuous to appellants; they produced the best results in Hooghly and Furreedpore, where in every case the decree was modified or reversed. The number of appeals decided on trial was, however, 5 only in the case of the former district, and 3 only in the case of the latter.

As regards appeals from appellate decrees, results were most adverse to appellants in the case of Purneah and of Dinagepore, where all the decrees against which appeals were heard were upheld, and Cuttack, where one decree only out of 24 was reversed. The appellants fared best in cases from Rungpore and Shahabad, where only about half the decrees appealed against were affirmed.

Conclusions are apt to be drawn from such figures as those given above, favourable to particular Judges or to classes of Judges, which, however, are in general fallacious. With respect to appeals from appellate decrees, it is indisputable that the result, assuming the infallibility of the High Court, illustrates the goodness or badness of the judgment of the Lower Appellate Court, only to the extent to which the ground of judgment of that Court is appealable to the High Court and is dealt with by that Court.

An Appellate Court may do very serious mischief by reversing sound conclusions of fact arrived at by an inferior Court, and yet may present a judgment unimpeachable under the present law in second appeal; and on the other hand, a timid Appellate Judge, or one having a special care for the result shown in statements, may leave the plainest errors uncorrected, and the High Court may be obliged to affirm his decree, and it is noticeable that both in regular appeals and in miscellaneous appeals (where commonly a greater scope is allowed for discretion) the advantage is with the District Judges.

In the margin figures are given, comparing the proportion of cases in which an order of remand was passed during each of the past three years. It will be observed that in each of the past two years there has been a decrease in the proportion of cases in which an order of remand was passed. They amounted to 10· 5 per cent. of the whole number in the past year as compared with 11· 24 per cent. in the previous year. The districts from which the largest number of appeals so dealt with came were Shahabad, Bhaugulpore, Gya, and Dacca.

	Percentage		
	1877.	1878.	1879.
Appeals from original decrees	13·7	7·6	4·27
Appeals from appellate decrees	12·3	12·9	11·9
Miscellaneous appeals	11·3	5·6	6·1

The following statement shows the number of appeals to Her Majesty in Council filed in the High Court on the Appellate Side since the institution of the Court :— Appeals to the Privy Council.

Years.	TOTAL NUMBER OF APPEALS FILED				APPEALS STRUCK OFF, COMPROMISED, &c.				DESPATCHED TO ENGLAND.			
	In First Appeals		In Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In First Appeals		In Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In First Appeals		In Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous.
	Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs. 10,000.			Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs. 10,000.			Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs. 10,000.		
1862	9	3	3	...	2	3	3	...	7	...	...	...
1863	76	17	4	...	32	10	2	...	44	7	2	...
1864	98	22	10	1	49	16	9	1	49	6	1	...
1865	58	13	11	2	21	10	6	1	37	3	5	1
1866	47	12	7	5	16	7	4	3	31	5	3	2
1867	30	11	54	2	15	3	2	1	15	8	52	1
1868	40	15	9	5	16	8	7	1	24	7	2	4
1869	38	4	1	3	7	1	...	2	31	3	1	1
1870	29	13	4	10	5	7	2	7	24	6	2	3
1871	16	7	6	2	2	3	3	2	14	4	3	...
1872	11	8	6	6	2	5	5	6	9	3	1	...
1873	24	10	8	4	9	8	6	1	15	2	2	2
1874	28	15	17	11	7	9	14	10	21	6	3	1
1875	24	9	6	4	12	4	5	1	12	5	1	3
1876	19	21	6	5	13	11	2	4	5	12	4	1
1877	29	18	6	12	13	12	6	9	15	2	...	3
1878	28	6	11	10	12	5	10	4	16	1	1	2
1879	33	13	4	7	14	9	2	2	...	2	1	...
TOTAL	637	217	173	89	247	131	88	55	369	82	84	24

Of 1,116 cases filed in the past 17½ years, 521 were struck off, compromised, &c., and 559 were despatched to England. Thirty-six cases were pending preparation and despatch to England at the close of 1879.

The following table shows the result of appeals to the Privy Council in which the judgments on appeal were received during the past six years. Besides the cases here entered as disposed of in 1879, two appeals were dismissed for want of prosecution :—

Year.	Judgments received from Privy Council.	Decision of the Court affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.
1874	20	9	9	2	...
1875	26	14	5	6	1
1876	14	10	2	2	...
1877	11	7	...	3	1
1878	9	4	3	2	...
1879	22	12	8	2	...
TOTAL	102	56	27	17	2

V.—APPELLATE COURTS UNDER THE HIGH COURT.

The number of appeals in regular suits instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Courts in the interior of the Lower Provinces during the past three years, was as follows :— Appeals instituted. *See Statement J.*

	Instituted.	Disposed of	Pending.
1877	20,139	19,653	10,562
1878	18,603	19,462	10,281
1879	19,479	19,486	10,771

There was an increase of 876 in the total number of appeals preferred in the past, as compared with the previous year. The increase was most marked in the districts named on the margin. The Judge of Midnapore attributes the increase in his district to the operation of Bengal Act VIII of 1879, under which the right of enhancement of rent by Government is contested. The increase in Dacca was principally in rent appeals, and followed a proportionate increase in suits under the rent law. In Mymensingh the increase in appeals cannot be thus accounted for, as the number of contested cases decided in which an appeal lay to the District Court was somewhat less in the past than in the previous year. It may, however, be due in part to the fact that the files have fallen somewhat into arrears. When this is the case, appeals are often filed merely for the purpose of delay. In Tipperah the increase in appeals correspond with an increase in title suits. The increase in appeals of the Small Cause Court class is said by the Judge to be "due to the suspension of the summary powers of two Munsifs."

Midnapore	298
Jessore	134
Dacca	188
Mymensingh	192
Tipperah	224

Appeals decided.

The number of appeals disposed of was 19,486 in the past, as compared with 19,462 in the previous year. In Tirhoot while the number of appeals instituted decreased, the number disposed of was 455 more than in the preceding year. This is ascribed by the Judge to two sets of analogous appeals having been dealt with, one relating to 204 and the other to 297 enhancement suits.

Appeals pending.

The increase in the number of appeals decided having fallen short of that in the number preferred, the year ended with an increase on the whole of 490 appeals on the pending file. While there was an increase in the business coming before the Appellate Courts in Midnapore, Dacca, and Mymensingh, there was a decrease in the work done, the result being an accumulation of arrears. In Tipperah the increase in the pending file was due to an increase in the number of appeals preferred.

Pending in	1878	10,281
	1879	10,771
		490

Ratio of appeals to decisions.

See Statement K.

From the figures given in Statement K, it will be observed that the number of decisions in Courts in the interior in which an appeal lay to the District Court in the past year was 72,640, as compared with 75,487 in the previous year. The ratio of appeals to decisions was therefore 26·81 per cent., as compared with 24·64 per cent. The percentage was highest in the districts named on the margin. In Cuttack the result is affected by the exclusion of rent cases, which are tried in the Revenue Courts, Act VIII (B. C.) of 1869 not having been extended to those Districts.

	Percentage.
Sarun	54·85
Shahabad	53·68
Gya	49·77
Tirhoot	45·20
Patna	43·01
Cuttack	41·01

Appeals classed.

See Statement L.

The following figures show for each of the two past years the number of appeals filed under each of the three chief classes :—

	In suits for money or movables.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.
1878	3,304	8,420	6,879
1879	3,699	8,886	7,394

From this table it appears that the increase in the appeals relates principally to title and other suits and partly to suits of the Small Cause Court class. There was no increase on the whole in appeals in rent cases.

Appeals valued.

See Statement M.

The following figures show the value of appeals of each of these three classes instituted in 1878 and 1879 respectively :—

	In suits for money or movables. Rs.	In suits under the rent law. Rs.	In title and other suits. Rs.
1878	5,10,295	6,89,175	16,18,410
1879	6,07,345	6,90,627	15,79,211

The total value of appeals filed was thus Rs. 28,77,183, as compared with Rs. 28,17,880 in 1878, showing an increase of Rs. 69,383 in value. The increase is chiefly under Class I.

The following table gives details of the value of appeals filed in the past year in the Civil Courts:—

Scale of values.	Number of Appeals			
	In suits for money or movables.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.	Total.
Not exceeding Rs. 10	201	2,267	739	3,207
„ „ „ 50	1,149	3,523	2,458	7,130
„ „ „ 100	980	1,206	1,165	3,651
„ „ „ 500	1,120	1,157	1,978	4,264
„ „ „ 1,000	160	153	356	669
„ „ „ 5,000	77	74	358	509
Value not stated	8	6	40	49
Total	3,699	8,386	7,394	19,479

From this it appears that the value on appeal exceeded Rs. 500 in 1,178 cases only, or in 6·06 per cent. of the appeals in all Courts, the value of which was ascertained. Appeals, the value of which did not exceed Rs. 100, formed 62·99 per cent. of the whole in the case of appeals in suits for money or movables; 83·42 per cent. in the case of those in suits under the rent law; and 63·05 per cent. in the case of those in title and other suits.

Appeals how disposed of.

The following statement shows the result of appeals in the past two years as affecting the decision of the Lower Courts:—

See Statement N.

	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.
1878	11,888	1,781	3,970	765	1,058
1879	12,055	1,764	3,900	655	1,112

The total number of appeals decided on trial was 19,486 in the past, as compared with 18,404 in the preivous year. The number of cases in which the decision of the Lower Court was upheld was slightly greater in 1879. The number in which it was modified or reversed was less by 87 cases. In the number of orders of remand, there was a decrease of 110 cases, which must be considered a large proportion with reference to the figures, being nearly one-sixth of the remands of 1878.

The following comparative table shows the percentage of decisions confirmed, modified, &c., during the past three years:—

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Confirmed	63·39	64·6	61·86
Modified	10·5	9·6	9·05
Reversed	20·5	21·5	20·02
Remanded	5·6	4·1	3·36

The proportion of cases in which the decision of the Lower Court was upheld was great in Moorshedabad, Backergunge, and Cuttack, where it was over 66 per cent.; in Sarun, where it was 69·60 per cent.; in Beerbhoom, Rajshahye, and Noakhally, where it was over 70 per cent.; and in Dinagepore, where it was over 72 per cent.

Appeals in miscellaneous cases.

The number of appeals in miscellaneous cases instituted, disposed of, and pending during the past two years, was as follows:—

See Statement O.

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1878	1,466	1,568	614
1879	1,460	1 418	687

These figures call for no remark.

VI.—GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.

Work done by District Judges.
See Statement P1.

The following table shows the work done by District Judges during the past four years:—

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1876 . .	4,124	2,491	135	8,841	8,343	1,479	1,252	3,281
1877 . .	4,391	2,529	189	8,565	8,170	1,661	1,293	3,249
1878 . .	4,284	2,742	130	8,670	8,025	1,435	1,410	2,801
1879 . .	4,229	2,972	231	6,733	7,529	1,205	1,404	2,770

It will be observed that, as pointed out last year, their duties in the Criminal Department continue to claim an increasing share of the attention of the District and Sessions Judges every year. The number of sessions trials held in 1879 was about the same as in 1878, while the number of criminal appeals heard decreased but slightly. On the Civil side while there was an increase in the number of original suits decided, the number of regular and miscellaneous appeals heard was considerably less than in any of the three previous years.

There was some variation in the number of District and Sessions Judges in the course of the year under report. The district of Julpigoree and Darjeeling was broken up, with effect from the 1st March, the latter magistracy being attached to Rungpore, and the former to Dinagepore, which was relieved of Maldah (transferred to Rajshahye). On the 1st July, the Additional Judge, who since the beginning of the year had been stationed at Pubna, was made a District and Sessions Judge, with jurisdiction over the districts of Pubna and Bogra. Since the close of the year under report, further changes have been made affecting Chittagong and West Burdwan.

Work by Additional Judges
See Statement P 2.

The following statement shows the amount of Civil and of Criminal work done by Additional Judges during the past four years:—

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1876 . .	505	424	18	495	1,015	111	297	72
1877 . .	334	340	7	345	635	228	183	72
1878 . .	463	300	13	491	688	74	252	184
1879 . .	401	311	8	491	639	115	278	41

The amount of work done by Additional Judges in the past year, while it fell short of the outturn in 1878, exceeded that in 1877. In last report it was noticed that an Additional Judge had been temporarily appointed in 1878 and employed in Gya. At the beginning of the year under report he was transferred to Patna, where he rendered material assistance in the disposal of regular appeals.

Work done by Subordinate Judges.
See Statement P 3.

The amount of work done by Subordinate Judges during the past four years was as follows:—

	Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Appeals.	
			Regular.	Miscellaneous.
1876 . .	4,608	14,155	11,638	35
1877 . .	4,866	13,860	10,848	27
1878 . .	5,889	12,211	10,748	59
1879 . .	5,783	7,924	11,318	88

In last report it was stated that the Small Cause Court powers vested in the Subordinate Judge of Dinagepore, had been withdrawn and vested in the Sudder Munsif. That Officer, on the 2nd Munsif being withdrawn, was found to be unable to deal with all the work devolving on him; consequently the Subordinate Judge was vested with the powers of a Munsif, under which he disposed of a considerable number of cases. In Purneah the Subordinate Judge continued to exercise Small Cause Court powers for the disposal of petty suits, and decided 827 cases in all. Of the remaining officers, the 1st Subordinate Judges of Bhaugulpore, Patna, Sarun, Gya, and Dacca decided the largest

number of original suits. The largest number of appeals were decided by the 2nd Subordinate Judge of Sarun, the 1st Subordinate Judge of Tipperah, and the 1st Subordinate Judge of Bhaugulpore.

The apparent decrease in the number of miscellaneous cases decided is due to the instructions which in last report it was noticed that the Court had issued with a view to securing uniformity of practice in the preparation of the returns.

Work done by Munsifs.

See Statement P4.

The figures given in the margin show the number of suits and miscellaneous cases disposed of by Munsifs during the past three years. The apparent decrease in the number of miscellaneous cases in the past year is due to orders just referred to, restricting to certain classes the cases to be entered in the returns.

	Suits.	Miscellaneous.
1877	300,506	239,787
1878	292,955	219,987
1879	305,776	171,255

In last report it was stated that the Government had sanctioned an increase in the staff of Munsifs, and that it only remained to open four new Courts as funds became available. The re-arrangement of the grades of Munsifs has now been completed, and four officers have been appointed to the districts, noted in the margin, where assistance was most required.

Backergunge	1
Sarun and Tirhoot	1
Cuttack	1
Noacolly	1

The appointment of an extra Munsif in Sylhet having been sanctioned by the Government of India, the total number of Munsifs of all grades is now 223, of whom 8 are employed under the Government of Assam. These figures do not include executive officers vested with the powers of a Munsif, who are, however, entered in Annual Statement 1.

The only Munsifs who in the past year decided more than 3,000 suits were those shown in the margin. Cases which were withdrawn or compromised, and cases which were decided *ex-parte*, are included in the figures here given. A better test is the number of contested cases decided. Taking them separately, it appears that work was heaviest in the Courts noted in the margin.

Khoolnah	4,118
Lukhipore	3,807
2nd Bhanga	3,681
Chandpore	3,217
Sudharam	3,130
1st Midnapore	3,059

Khoolnah	978
3rd Jessore	892
Dewangunge	784
Sudharam	759
Tajpore	749
Jhenidah	742

Notwithstanding the increased number of Courts, it is clear that the pressure of work on many officers is still excessive. The number of suits instituted is steadily increasing, and before long it may be necessary to apply to Government for sanction to a further increase in the number of Munsifs.

Munsifs' Court-houses.

In last report it was stated that the Government had made a liberal grant with a view to providing improved Court-houses on a standard plan for Munsifs. Unfortunately financial pressure necessitated the withdrawal of the grant, and no progress was made in giving effect to the scheme during the year under report. Since its close the Government has renewed the grant, and orders have issued for the construction of Courts at those stations where the want of proper buildings was most urgently required.

Receipts and charges of the Civil Courts.

See Statements R. and S.

Including the High Court and the Presidency Small Cause Court, the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts in the past year were as shown in the margin. The general financial result is a surplus of Rs. 30,45,457. Taking the Courts at the Presidency separately, there is an excess of charge over receipts amounting to Rs. 1,39,309. The details are as follows:—

	Rs.
Receipts	71,67,856
Charges	41,22,399
Surplus	30,45,457

Courts at the Presidency.

Receipts.	Rs.
In stamps — Process fees	2,92,412
In stamps — Other fees	6,82,335
In cash — Fines	115
In cash — Other receipts	74,746
TOTAL	10,49,608

Charges.	Rs.
Salaries of—	
Judicial Officers	5,99,037
Establishment — Process-servers	6,043
Establishment — Others	4,67,791
Contingencies and refunds	1,16,046
TOTAL	11,88,917

Courts in the interior.

Taking the Civil Courts in the interior separately, the net financial result for the past year was a surplus of Rs. 31,84,766, as shown in the margin. Deducting from both sides of the account the charges on account of process-servers, the financial results for the past three years may be stated as follows :—

	Rs.
Receipts	61,18,248
Charges	29,33,482
Surplus	31,84,766

	Receipts. Rs.	Charges. Rs.	Surplus. Rs.
1877	44,81,586	24,60,205	20,21,381
1878	50,77,205	24,15,687	26,61,518
1879	55,27,938	23,43,172	31,84,766

The surplus resulting last year is shown to have exceeded that in 1878 by Rs. 5,23,248.

The following statement gives separately details of the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts in the interior in the past year:—

Receipts.		Rs.	Charges.	Rs.
In stamps	Process fees	15,38,926	Salaries of—	15,13,298
	Other fees	43,32,426	Judicial Officers	
In cash	Fines	13,657	Establishment. Process-servers	5,90,310
	Other receipts	2,33,239	Establishment. Others	7,05 830
			Contingencies and refunds	1,24,044
	TOTAL	61,18,248	TOTAL	29,33,482

Deducting the cost of process-servers, the net receipts from stamps, it will be observed, amounted to Rs. 52,81,042.

Under the head of process fees separately, the net gain to Government was Rs. 9,48,616, showing even more clearly than was shown in last year's report that the fees levied might be reduced with perfect safety to the revenue.

The following statement shows the gross receipts and charges of the several grades of Courts in the past year, and the result whether a surplus or deficit:—

Courts in the interior—	Receipts. Rs.	Charges. Rs.	Result *plus* or *minus*. Rs.
Small Cause Courts	4,90,973	2,11,668	+ 2,79,305
Munsifs' Courts	37,93,524	14,04,180	+23,89,344
Subordinate Judges' Courts	11,57,371	4,36,740	+ 7,20,631
Judges and Additional Judges' Courts	6,76,380	8,80,894	— 2,04,514
Courts at the Presidency—			
Small Cause Courts	2,82,968	2,09,349	+ 73,619
High Courts (Orignal and Appellate)	7,66,640	9,79,568	— 2,12,928

It appears that in every grade of Court in the mofussil, except District Courts, the receipts largely exceed the expenditure, the results for the past year being even more favourable than those for the previous year. The cause of the deficit in District Courts was explained last year. At the Presidency the Court of Small Causes shows a surplus of Rs. 73,619, but the charges on the Civil side of the High Court exceeded the receipts by Rs. 2,12,918.

Probates, &c.
See Statement T.

On probates and letters of administration was Rs. 3,92,659 in the past, as compared with Rs. 3,18,404 in the previous year. The amount levied in the District Courts was Rs. 1,01,869 in the past, as compared with Rs. 94,624 in the previous year. In the High Court, omitting cases where the assets were exclusively in Assam, the amount of duty realized was Rs. 2,90,790, as compared with Rs. 2,23,780 in 1878.

Civil Court Ameens.
See Statement U.

The sums here exhibited are treated in account as receipts of the Civil Courts. Deducting them, the surplus or net revenue realized from these Courts is reduced to Rs. 26,52,798.

The receipts and disbursements on account of Ameens during the past two years were as follows :—

		Receipts. Rs.	Disbursements. Rs.
1878	Permanent Ameens	41,585	39,734
	Temporary Do.	1,375	1,851
1879	Permanent Ameens	38,100	35,462
	Temporary Do.	1,193	1,054

It will be seen that in the past year likewise the receipts on the whole exceeded the expenditure by Rs. 2,777, including an allowance of 10 per cent. for pensions. In a very few instances, notably in Chota Nagpore, did the receipts fall short of the disbursements.

Local inquiries. *See Statement V.*

The number of cases in which local inquiry was held and completed last year was 1,712. The average value involved in the suits in which the inquiry was made was Rs. 413, and the average cost of the enquiry, Rs. 15. The number of enquiries held last year was less than the number held in 1878 by 454 cases. There was a decrease from 96 to 79 in cases not exceeding Rs. 5 in value, in which the cost of enquiry always exceeds the amount in litigation of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Proceedings in insolvency. *See Statement W.*

The following statement exhibits the number of applications for a declaration of insolvency filed, disposed of, and pending in 1878-79 :—

Proceedings in insolvency. *See Table W.*

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1878	224	204	21
1879	186	165	42

The number of fresh applications was considerably less in the past than in the previous year. The number filed in those districts where such applications are most numerous is shown in the margin. In the 24-Pergunnahs, Dacca, and Chittagong, applications were not so frequent in 1879 as in 1878, while in Midnapore and Patna they were more frequent.

Dacca	17
24-Pergunnahs	14
Hooghly	13
Midnapore	13
Tipperah	13

In no district was advantage taken of the provisions of the Code as amended by Act XII of 1879, permitting creditors to file application for a declaration of insolvency in respect to debtors.

Applications how disposed of.

Of the whole number of applications before the Court in the past year, 39 were granted, 48 were refused, 78 were not prosecuted, and 42 were pending at the end of the year.

On 5 applications out of 48 rejected, a sentence of imprisonment was passed under Section 359 of the Code of Civil Procedure. In one case an applicant was under that section sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.

Number of persons declared to be insolvents discharged and pending. *See Table W 1.*

The following statement shows the number of persons declared to be insolvent during the past as compared with the previous year, the number who obtained their discharge, and who remained undischarged in the same period :—

	Declared to be insolvent.	Discharged.	Pending.
1878	71	62	3
1879	41	43	1

Of the persons declared to be insolvents during the past year, 5 were in Dacca, 4 in Tipperah, and 4 in the 24-Pergunnahs. No such declaration was made in Chittagong, Hooghly, or Mymensingh, and some other less important districts.

Receivers in insolvency.

Only one insolvent's estate was placed in the hands of a receiver during the year, as compared with 9 in the previous year. The following statement shows the amount realized and disbursed, and the balance in the hands of such officers, during each of the past two years :—

	Amount realized.	Amount disbursed.	Balance.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1878	160	33	127
1879	31	...	138

See Statement W 2.

These results show that so far as creditors are concerned, no benefit as yet result from the new provisions of law.

Changes in the Subordinate Judicial Service.

The following changes took place in the ranks of the Subordinate Judicial Service during the year.

The undermentioned Subordinate Judges and Munsifs left the service :—

Subordinate Judges.

Retired . .	Baboo Grish Chunder Ghose. „ Judoonath Mullick. Mr. W. DaCosta (since dead).

Munsifs.

Died . . .	Shah Gholam Shurruff. Baboo Romesh Chunder Lahiree.
Resigned . .	Mr. C. G. Lewis.

The following Munsif was promoted to a Subordinate Judgeship :—

Name.	Service.			District to which appointed.	Remarks.
	Y.	M.	D.		
Baney Madhub Mitter, B.L. . . .	12	9	20	Noakhally.	

The following gentlemen were nominated to permanent Munsifships :—

Names.	Degree or other qualification.	Date of qualification.	Districts to which appointed.
Nund Lall Koondoo	B.L. .	18th February 1874 .	Midnapore.
Hem Chunder Mitter, Attorney-at-Law .	Vakeel, High Court.	10th September 1878 .	Purneah.
C. E. Perroux	Higher Grade Pleader.	6th May 1874 .	Backergunge.
Motilall Singh	B.L. .	18th February „ .	Rungpore.
Gopal Chunder Banerjee	B.L. .	19th „ 1873 .	Midnapore.
Bepin Behary Sen	B.L. .	18th „ 1874 .	Hooghly.
Mohendro Nath Ghose	L.L. .	14th „ 1872 .	Backergunge.
Mohendro Lall Ghose	L.L. .	19th „ 1873 .	Gya.
Rash Beharee Bose	L.L. .	19th „ „ .	Tipperah.
Juggodishwur Goopto	B.L. .	8th „ 1871 .	Rungpore.
Denish Chunder Roy	L.L. .	18th „ 1874 .	Rungpore.

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A.

ORIGINAL CASES INSTITUTED, DISPOSED OF AND PENDING IN CIVIL COURTS IN THE PAST AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	COURTS.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
			1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	Reg. ...	13,284	14,309	13,353	14,049	1,674	2,096
	Burdwan, West ...	Reg. ...	3,761	4,424	3,746	4,465	519	695
	Beerbhoom ...	Reg. ...	4,226	4,577	4 389	4,293	643	803
	Midnapore ...	Reg. ...	14,080	16,875	13,652	16,799	2,749	3,056
		S. C. ...	1,125	872	1,168	858	39	68
	Hooghly ...	Reg. ...	10,581	11,415	10,863	11,023	1,223	2,067
		S. C. ...	4,220	5,130	4,132	4,993	254	448
		Total ...	51,277	57,602	51,303	56,480	7,101	9,233
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	Reg. ...	20,335	21,660	20,236	22,116	2,580	2,443
		S. C. ...	5,727	5,892	5,592	6,052	520	479
	Nuddea ...	Reg. ...	8,721	9,069	9,027	9,392	1,215	1,064
		S. C. ...	9,570	11,361	9,391	11,798	548	340
	Jessore ..	Reg. ...	17,644	20,466	17,551	21,034	1,791	1,526
		S. C. ...	11,921	14,564	12,107	14,725	636	893
	Moorshedabad ...	Reg.. ...	11,455	10,895	11,011	11,329	1,319	846
		S. C. ...	192	215	198	206	8	17
		Total ...	85,565	94,122	85,113	96,652	8,617	7,608
RAJSHAHYE ... AND COOCH BEHAR ...	Dinagepore ...	Reg. ...	11,229	7,497	11,253	7,608	993	760
		S. C. ...	...	988	...	1,017	...	83
	Rajshahye ...	Reg. ...	7,291	5,540	7,468	5,642	1,014	686
		S. C. ...	1,808	629	1,696	624	214	47
	Rungpore ...	Reg. ...	15,835	15,465	15,450	15,751	2,264	2,578
	Pubna	Reg. ...	...	6,647	...	6,519	...	1,189
		S. C. ...	...	1,532	...	1,621	...	96
	Juligoree and Darjeeling ...	Reg. ...	3,821	...	3,213	...	682	...
		S. C. ...	980	...	954	...	97	...
		Total ...	40,964	38,298	40,064	38,731	5,264	5,439
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	Reg. ...	14,062	16,189	13,822	16,114	2,460	2,663
		S. C. ...	6,061	5,552	5,894	5,577	489	523
	Furreedpore ...	Reg. ...	11,769	13,793	12,491	13,720	1,521	1,783
		S. C. ...	1,547	908	1,554	963	137	49
	Backergunge ...	Reg. ...	14,987	18,684	14,655	17,122	2.129	4,062
		S. C. ...	1,892	2,256	2.003	2,356	75	87
	Mymensingh ...	Reg. ...	18,547	17,296	18,319	17,458	2,638	2,693
	Tipperah ...	Reg. ...	18,568	18,965	18,146	17,956	2,548	3,709
		Total ...	87,433	93,643	86,884	91,266	11,987	15,569
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong ...	Reg. ...	12,437	14,606	12,230	14,442	1,287	1,733
	Noakhally ...	Reg. ...	13,473	13,752	13,818	12,884	1,431	2,397
		Total ...	25,910	28,358	26,048	27,326	2,718	4,13 0
PATNA ...	Patna ...	Reg. ...	3,334	3,242	2,922	3,299	1,189	1,223
		S. C. ...	1,550	1,513	1,482	1,597	189	129
	Gya ...	Reg. ...	2,458	2,564	2,482	2,375	400	647
	Shahabad ...	Reg. ...	7,868	6,044	7,577	5,922	1,056	1,248
	Tirhoot ...	Reg. ..	8,376	6,752	9,336	7,167	2,490	2,147
	Sarun ...	Reg. ...	5,042	4,711	4,802	4,575	1,100	1,337
		Total ...	28,628	24,826	28,601	24,93	6,424	6,731
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore ...	Reg. ...	9,452	9,500	9,292	9,480	986	1,099
		S. C. ...	4,222	3,953	4,114	4,092	326	239
	Purneah ...	Reg. ...	8,070	8,203	7,766	8,580	1,186	925
		Total ...	21,744	21,656	21,172	22,152	2,498	2,263
ORISSA ...	Cuttack	Reg. ...	5,366	6,811	5,470	6,151	824	1,546
		S. C. ...	3,841	4,975	3,645	5,020	430	398
		Total ...	9,207	11,786	9,115	11,171	1,254	1,944
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Chota Nagpore ...	Reg. ...	4,454	4,492	4,510	4,533	569	556
	Total ...	Reg. ...	3,00,526	3,14,443	2,98,832	3,11,798	42,233	49,577
		S. C. ...	54,656	60,340	53,930	61,499	3,962	3,896
	GRAND TOTAL		3,55,176	3,74,783	3,52,762	3,73,297	46,195	53,473

A I.

ORIGINAL CASES INSTITUTED, DISPOSED OF, AND PENDING IN EACH OF THE COURTS OF SMALL CAUSES IN THE PAST AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
BURDWAN ...	Midnapore	1,125	872	1,168	858	39	68
	Hooghly	654	822	645	798	59	93
	Serampore	1,185	1,573	1,171	1,494	48	150
	Howrah	2,381	2,735	2,316	2,701	147	205
PRESIDENCY ...	Sealdah	5,581	5,690	5,451	5,546	514	478
	Dum-Dum Cantonment ...	30	70	28	70	2	1
	Barrackpore Ditto ...	116	132	113	136	4	...
	Kishnaghur	2,016	2,225	2,056	2,292	31	28
	Ranaghat	1,781	2,329	1,792	2,391	37	48
	Meherpore	1,723	1,784	1,773	1,752	29	97
	Kooshteah	2,485	2,980	2,336	3,159	275	132
	Chooadangah ...	1,565	2,043	1,434	2,204	176	35
	Jessore	4,943	5,927	5,089	6,182	89	28
	Magoorah	1,623	1,847	1,632	1,892	110	122
	Jhenidah	2,600	3,688	2,653	3,386	130	469
	Narail	2,755	3,102	2,783	3,265	307	274
RAJSHAHYE ...	Berhampore Small Cause Court.	192	215	198	206	8	17
	Baulean	707	629	686	624	39	47
	Pubna	1,101	1,532	1,010	1,621	175	96
	Darjeeling	980	988	954	1,017	97	83
DACCA ...	Dacca	3,895	3,353	3,322	3,304	227	311
	Moonsheegunge ...	2,666	2,199	2,572	2,273	262	212
	Furreedpore ...	1,547	908	1,554	963	137	49
	Backergunge... ...	1,892	2,256	2,003	2,356	75	87
PATNA ...	Patna & Dinapore ...	1,329	1,328	1,269	1,414	176	114
	Dinapore Cantonment ...	221	185	213	183	13	15
BHAUGULPORE	Monghyr	2,424	2,242	2,398	2,294	147	131
	Bhaugulpore... ...	1,798	1,711	1,716	1,798	179	108
ORISSA ...	Cuttack	3,841	4,975	3,645	5,020	430	398
	Total ...	**54,656**	**60,340**	**53,930**	**61,499**	**3,962**	**3,896**

B.

SUITS AND APPEALS PENDING MORE THAN ONE YEAR AT THE CLOSE OF 1878 AND 1879.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	1878.		1879.		REMARKS.
		SUITS.	APPEALS.	SUITS.	APPEALS.	
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST ...	...	...	...	...	
	BURDWAN, WEST ...	1	5	8	143	
	BEERBHOOM ...	...	...	...	...	
	MIDNAPORE ...	1	2	4	17	
	HOOGHLY ...	...	4	5	6	
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	8	2	6	...	
	NUDDEA ...	2	134	...	115	
	JESSORE ...	9	...	3	...	
	MOORSHEDABAD ...	1	...	1	...	
RAJSHAHYE ... AND	DINAGEPORE ...	1	1	...	...	
	RAJSHAHYE ...	1	1	1	...	
	RUNGPORE ...	12	2	6	...	
	PUBNA ...	...	...	6	...	
COOCH BEHAR ...	JULPIGOREE AND DARJEELING.	...	...	...	...	
DACCA ...	DACCA ...	4	24	7	6	
	FURREEDPORE ...	7	10	6	29	
	BACKERGUNGE ...	5	...	10	...	
	MYMENSINGH ...	19	4	7	5	
	TIPPERAH ...	22	4	3	5	
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG ...	3	2	4	...	
	NOAKHALLY ...	...	...	...	...	
PATNA ...	PATNA ...	40	121	13	2	
	GYA ...	12	9	7	4	
	SHAHABAD ...	7	4	5	12	
	TIRHOOT ...	1	14	26	168	
	SARUN ...	14	270	35	103	
BHAUGULPORE	BHAUGULPORE ..	1	31	2	...	
	PURNEAH ...	...	...	...	...	
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK ...	12	2	17	5	
CHOTA NAGPORE...	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	5	43	3	1	
	Total ...	188	689	185	621	

C.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF SUITS INSTITUTED IN THE CIVIL COURTS, 1875-79.

DISTRICT.	COURTS.	VALUE IN 1875.	NUMBER IN 1875.	NUMBER IN 1876.	NUMBER IN 1877.	NUMBER IN 1878.	NUMBER IN 1879.	VALUE IN 1879.
		Rs.						Rs.
BACKERGUNGE	R.	10,28,613	11,301	11,605	12,637	14,987	18,684	21,69,016
	S. C.	75,592	1,165	1,052	1,572	1,892	2,256	1,52,202
BEERBHOOM	R.	5,34,327	4,108	4,236	4,554	4,226	4,577	6,15,615
BHAUGULPORE	R.	31,25,078	7,575	8,633	8,491	9,452	9,500	32,46,797
	S. C.	1,95,576	3,768	3,592	3,406	4,222	3,953	2,72,938
BURDWAN, EAST	R.	30,86,931	16,109	15,359	14,807	13,284	14,309	12,52,910
BURDWAN, WEST	R.	2,74,809	4,313	3,389	3,862	3,761	4,424	3,66,546
CHITTAGONG	R.	9,59,983	12,992	13,817	12,875	12,437	14,606	8,78,376
CUTTACK	R.	10,84,023	4,663	4,792	5,267	5,366	6,811	11,14,975
	S. C.	77,673	1,990	2,629	3,118	3,841	4,975	1,97,324
DACCA	R.	18,89,178	24,167	15,932	15,398	14,062	16,189	19,22,150
	S. C.	2,43,599	5,493	5,201	5,661	6,061	5,552	3,59,386
DINAGEPORE	R.	10,12,550	12,103	13,513	12,570	7,029	7,497	6,58,545
	S. C.	...	...	...	...	...	988	55,886
FURREEDPORE	R.	1,76,744	3,379	13,640	12,443	11,769	13,793	10,28,035
	S. C.	93,917	561	1,605	1,648	1,547	908	40,566
GYÁ	R.	37,62,858	2,168	2,279	2,210	2,458	2,564	13,51,881
HOOGHLY	R.	12,27,363	9,658	10,276	11,701	10,581	11,415	20,52,246
	S. C.	1,12,287	2,967	3,627	3,783	4,220	5,130	1,58,110
JESSORE	R.	12,24,669	16,396	17,098	18,304	17,644	20,466	12,66,932
	S. C.	4,79,381	11,509	11,894	12,462	11,921	14,564	7,89,551
MIDNAPORE	R.	15,62,051	15,147	13,410	13,518	14,080	16,875	16,93,188
	S. C.	96,172	823	990	1,247	1,125	872	1,07,926
MOORSHEDABAD	R.	13,26,126	11,103	12,016	11,367	11,455	10,895	9,47,498
	S. C.	37,307	277	216	192	192	215	26,620
MYMENSINGH	R.	23,82,534	18,040	18,457	17,639	18,547	17,296	20,94,234
NOAKHALLY	R.	...	...	...	10,835	13,473	13,752	9,81,739
NUDDEA	R.	7,71,399	7,905	8,195	8,520	8,721	9,069	12,19,609
	S. C.	4,04,179	8,669	7,966	8,247	9,570	11,361	5,67,860
PATNA	R.	14,66,869	3,375	3,446	3,153	3,334	3,242	17,91,289
	S. C.	59,842	909	1,153	1,151	1,550	1,513	89,567
PUBNA	R.	...	...	..	.	6,384	6,647	8,64,793
	S. C.	...	...	...	...	1,101	1,532	85,544
PURNEAH	R.	8,30,610	7,681	7,848	8,227	8,070	8,203	7,98,727
RAJSHAHYE	R.	9,55,921	8,304	8,593	7,965	6,129	5,540	11,70,142
	S. C.	90,017	1,820	1,810	1,524	707	629	35,232
RUNGPORE	R.	11,77,415	15,075	15,821	16,543	16,974	15,465	21,43,797
SARUN	R.	16,08,241	4,392	5,096	4,934	5,042	4,711	16,52,756
SHAHABAD	R.	10,31,052	4,745	5,471	5,971	7,868	6,044	10,96,245
TIPPERAH	R.	20,20,930	22,570	24,015	18,515	18,568	18,965	12,18,187
TIRHOOT	R.	16,90,832	5,345	6,010	8,379	8,376	6,752	33,34,175
24-PERGUNNAHS	R.	28,07,244	19,451	22,478	23,084	20,335	21,660	33,84,441
	S. C.	2,06,160	4,493	4,604	4,516	5,727	5,892	2,78,378
CHOTA NAGPORE	R.	12,02,297	4,636	3,997	4,315	4,454	4,492	11,73,805
JULPIGOREE AND DARJEELING	R.	2,34,827	1,703	2,011	1,822	3,821	...	...
	S. C.	33,887	631	1,084	916	980	.	..
Total	R	4,04,57,474	2,78,391	2,91,433	2,90,906	3,00,526	3,14,443	4,34,88,849
	S. C.	22,05,580	45,075	47,423	49,433	54,656	60,340	32,17,080

D.

NUMBER OF SUITS OF EACH CLASS INSTITUTED IN THE CIVIL COURTS IN THE PAST AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR.

DISTRICT.	COURTS.	1878.			1879.		
		SUITS FOR MONEY OR MOVABLES.	SUITS UNDER THE RENT LAW.	TITLE AND OTHER SUITS.	SUITS FOR MONEY OR MOVABLES.	SUITS UNDER THE RENT LAW.	TITLE AND OTHER SUITS.
BACKERGUNGE	Reg. ...	3,667	10,217	1,103	4,190	11,918	1,976
	S. C. ...	1,892	...	...	2,256	...	...
BEERBHOOM	Reg. ...	1,079	1,878	1,269	1,372	1,761	1,444
BHAUGULPORE	Reg. ...	3,236	4,703	1,513	2,838	5,430	1,232
	S. C. ...	4,222	...	...	3,953	...	...
BURDWAN, EAST	Reg. ...	5,157	5,351	2,776	5,383	6,218	2,708
BURDWAN, WEST	Reg. ...	1,021	1,687	1,053	1,267	1,974	1,183
CHITTAGONG	Reg. ...	5,161	5,354	1,922	5,588	6,739	2,279
CUTTACK	Reg. ...	3,346	...	2,020	4,502	...	2,309
	S. C. ...	3,841	...	...	4,975	...	
DACCA	Reg. ...	9,055	2,957	2,050	11,219	3,140	1,830
	S. C. ...	6,061	...	...	5,552	...	...
DINAGEPORE	Reg. ...	7,957	2,768	504	4,463	2,178	856
	S. C. ...	...	...	...	988	...	...
FURREEDPORE	Reg. ...	6,183	4,680	906	8,049	4,978	766
	S. C. ...	1,547	...	...	908	...	...
GYA	Reg. ...	1,071	753	634	1,109	744	711
HOOGHLY	Reg. ...	2,789	6,135	1,657	3,149	6,450	1,816
	S. C. ...	4,220	...	...	5,130	...	...
JESSORE	Reg. ...	2,582	12,885	2,177	3,591	14,652	2,228
	S. C. ...	11,921	...	...	14,564	...	...
MIDNAPORE	Reg. ...	6,493	5,806	1,781	6,894	7,509	2,472
	S. C. ...	1,125	...	...	872	...	...
MOORSHEDABAD	Reg. ...	4,945	5,089	1,421	4,749	4,845	1,301
	S. C. ...	192	...	...	215	...	...
MYMENSINGH	Reg. ...	13,141	2,879	2,521	11,926	2,701	2,669
NOAKHALLY	Reg. ...	5,454	6,738	1,281	5,639	6,644	1,469
NUDDEA	Reg. ...	2,163	5,218	1,340	2,418	5,574	1,077
	S. C. ...	9,570	...	...	11,361	...	...
PATNA	Reg. ...	419	1,932	983	722	1,676	844
	S. C. ...	1,550	...	...	1,513	...	...
PUBNA	Reg. ...	...	...	...	3,777	2,087	783
	S. C. ...	...	...	...	1,532	...	...
PURNEAH	Reg. ...	4,157	3,578	335	3,957	3,734	512
RAJSHAHYE	Reg. ...	3,749	2,651	891	3,690	1,526	324
	S. C. ...	1,808	...	...	629	...	...
RUNGPORE	Reg. ...	8,282	6,594	959	9,478	5,129	858
SARUN	Reg. ...	1,518	2,435	1,089	1,434	1,937	1,340
SHAHABAD	Reg. ...	1,864	4,804	1,200	1,449	3,372	1,223
TIPPERAH	Reg. ...	9,973	6,829	1,766	9,656	6,608	2,701
TIRHOOT	Reg. ...	3,182	3,696	1,498	2,767	2,699	1,286
24-PERGUNNAHS	Reg. ...	8,375	9,285	2,675	9,770	9,229	2,661
	S. C. ...	5,727	...	...	5,892	...	...
CHOTA NAGPORE	Reg. ...	3,675	...	779	3,760	...	732
JULPIGOREE AND DARJEELING	Reg. ...	3,687	...	134	...	...	...
	S. C. ...	980	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	Reg. ...	1,33,331	1,26,902	40,231	1,39,406	1,31,452	43,585
	S. C. ...	54,656	...	...	60,340	...	...

E.

VALUE OF SUITS OF EACH CLASS INSTITUTED IN THE CIVIL COURTS IN THE PAST AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR.

DISTRICT.	COURTS.	1878.			1879.		
		For money or movables.	Under the rent law.	Title suits.	For money or movables.	Under the rent law.	Title suits.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	Reg. ...	7,13,854	6,21,623	2,24,738	6,06,449	7,24,080	8,38,487
	S. C. ...	1,13,209	...	...	1,52,292	...	...
Beerbhoom	Reg. ...	55,859	1,33,927	2,54,511	1,00,115	1,10,905	4,04,595
Bhaugulpore	Reg. ...	5,28,434	5,08,609	19,85,054	7,23,107	4,47,146	20,76,544
	S. C. ...	2,66,774	...	...	2,72,938	...	...
Burdwan, East ...	Reg. ...	5,62,160	3,15,816	5,14,742	5,15,666	3,29,327	4,07,917
Burdwan, West ...	Reg. ...	78,117	56,131	1,96,966	99,187	79,225	1,88,134
Chittagong	Reg. ...	5,12,380	1,71,362	1,51,866	4,66,544	2,16,387	1,95,445
Cuttack	Reg. ...	2,46,302	...	5,29,418	3,70,153	...	7,44,822
	S. C. ...	1,44,792	...	...	1,97,324	...	...
Dacca	Reg. ...	5,87,890	1,00,074	8,48,919	8,13,435	1,11,704	9,97,011
	S. C. ...	3,80,461	...	...	3,59,386	...	...
Dinagepore	Reg. ...	5,20,937	1,65,525	1,59,525	3,54,280	92,774	2,11,491
	S. C. ...	...	...	...	55,886	...	...
Furreedpore	Reg. ..	3,88,785	2,07,139	1,54,018	5,59,957	2,44,818	2,23,260
	S. C. ...	97,283	...	...	40,466	...	...
Gya	Reg. ...	2,42,460	2,52,497	2,81,12,310	5,27,250	2,14,695	6,09,936
Hooghly	Reg. ...	5,46,109	3,00,353	12,17,499	10,03,609	3,26,580	7,22,057
	S. C. ...	1,72,963	...	...	1,58,110	...	...
Jessore	Reg. ...	2,09,634	5,94,587	6,63,591	3,57,464	6,59,876	2,49,592
	S. C. ...	5,18,505	...	...	7,89,551	...	...
Midnapore	Reg. ...	4,66,172	2,66,827	8,36,404	6,67,991	3,86,974	6,38,223
	S. C. ...	92,512	...	...	1,07,926	...	...
Moorshedabad... ...	Reg. ..	3,18,990	2,21,635	4,73,449	3,01,325	2,50,359	3,95,814
	S. C. ...	28,994	...	...	26,620	...	...
Mymensingh	Reg. ...	12,42,257	2,14,235	5,00,335	9,15,853	1,69,765	10,08,616
Noakhally	Reg. ...	3,22,688	2,84,807	3,89,804	4,27,820	3,84,395	1,69,524
Nuddea	Reg. ...	2,46,265	2,57,428	4,45,149	2,01,517	2,77 125	7,40,967
	S. C. ...	4,55,729	...	...	5,67,860	...	...
Patna	Reg. ...	2,32,459	...	12,57,362	3,55,618	1,73,714	12,61,957
	S. C. ...	1,16,199	1,78,024	...	89,567	...	...
Pubna	Reg. ...	...	...	...	5,69,088	1,32,351	1,63,354
	S. C. ...	...	...	...	85,544	...	...
Purneah	Reg. ...	5,13,959	2,82,694	97,034	4,05,364	2,57,425	1,35,938
Rajshahye	Reg. ...	5,78,490	2,14,063	6,04,245	4,55,067	1,83,890	5,31,185
	S. C. ...	1,01,698	...	...	35,232	...	...
Rungpore	Reg. ...	6,75,171	2,68,944	1,79,584	9,18,608	2,48,678	9,76,511
Sarun	Reg. ...	5,07,685	1,52,088	8,26,782	4,31,953	1,65,633	10,55,170
Shahabad	Reg. ...	7,86,588	2,77,722	3,38,035	4,42,542	2,68,398	3,85,305
Tipperah	Reg. ...	7,07,519	4,28,127	2,59,680	7,20,384	3,18,654	1,79,149
Tirhoot	Reg. ...	16,59,881	4,39,896	21,43,173	17,36,874	3,46,248	12,51,053
24-Pergunnahs ...	Reg. ...	8,82,601	5,48,546	9,40,302	10,33,471	4,81,398	18,69,572
	S. C. ...	2,39,307	...	...	2,78,378	...	...
Chota Nagpore ...	Reg. ...	6,40,074	...	5,20,303	7,31,249	...	4,42,556
Julpigoree and Darjeeling	Reg. ...	2,53,229	...	36,705	...	...	...
	S. C. ...	50,683	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	Reg. ...	1,49,73,720	74,62,678	4,49,27,052	1,68,11,940	76,02,524	1,90,74,185
	S. C. ...	27,79,109	...	...	32,17,080	...	...

F.

MANNER OF DISPOSAL OF ORIGINAL SUITS BY THE CIVIL COURTS, 1879.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	COURTS.	WITHDRAWN, COMPROMISED, CONFESSED, &C.	DECIDED EXPARTE	CONTESTED (BOTH PARTIES PRESENT).	TOTAL.
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST ...	Reg. ...	5,964	4,290	3,795	14,049
	BURDWAN, WEST ...	Reg. ...	2,307	992	1,166	4,465
	BEERBHOOM ...	Reg. ...	1,929	940	1,424	4,293
	MIDNAPORE ...	Reg. ...	8,929	4,349	3,521	16,799
		S. C. ..	518	158	182	858
	HOOGHLY	Reg. ...	4,191	3,999	2,833	11,023
		S. C. ...	2,398	1,230	1,365	4,993
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	Reg. ...	9,136	6,773	6,207	22,116
		S. C. ...	2,559	2,136	1,357	6,052
	NUDDEA	Reg. ...	3,094	3,004	3,294	9,392
		S. C. ...	6,457	2,780	2,561	11,798
	JESSORE	Reg. ...	6,262	8,849	5,923	21,034
		S. C. ...	7,338	4,997	2,390	14,725
	MOORSHEDABAD ...	Reg. ...	4,122	4,279	2,928	11,329
		S. C. ...	97	59	50	206
RAJSHAHYE ...	DINAGEPORE AND DARJEELING	Reg. ...	2,417	3,325	1,866	7,608
		S. C. ...	443	492	82	1,017
	RAJSHAHYE AND MALDA ...	Reg. ...	2,602	1,649	1,391	5,642
		Reg. ...	202	274	148	624
	RUNGPORE AND JULPIGOREE	Reg. ...	5,292	7,251	3,208	15,751
	PUBNA AND BOGRA ...	Reg. ...	2,269	2,591	1,659	6,519
		S. C. ...	785	448	388	1,621
DACCA ...	DACCA	Reg. ...	3,958	8,302	3,854	16,114
		S. C. ...	2,128	2,628	821	5,577
	FURREEDPORE ...	Reg. ...	2,861	8,555	2,304	13,720
		S. C. ...	316	507	140	963
	BACKERGUNGE ...	Reg. ...	4,269	10,022	2,831	17,122
		S. C. ...	897	1,134	325	2,356
	MYMENSINGH ...	Reg. ...	3,818	9,175	4,465	17,458
	TIPPERAH ...	Reg. ...	5,083	7,828	5,045	17,956
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG ...	Reg. ...	5,514	4,793	4,135	14,442
	NOAKHALLY ...	Reg. ..	4,514	5,379	2,991	12,884
PATNA ...	PATNA	Reg. ...	1,198	501	1,600	3,299
		S. C. ...	856	423	318	1,597
	GYA	Reg. ...	886	517	972	2,375
	SHAHABAD	Reg. ...	2 556	1,352	2,014	5,922
	TIRHOOT	Reg. ...	1,967	1,840	3,360	7,167
	SARUN	Reg. ...	1,974	1,106	1,495	4,575
BHAUGULPORE	BHAUGULPORE ...	Reg. ...	3,203	3,271	3,006	9,480
		S. C. ...	1,961	1,371	760	4,092
	PURNEAH	Reg. ...	2,953	3,451	2,176	8,580
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK	Reg. ...	3,600	1,397	1,154	6,151
		S. C. ...	3,285	952	783	5,020
CHOTA NAGPORE	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Reg. ...	1,962	1,097	1,474	4,533
	Total ..	Reg. ...	1,08,830	1,20,877	82,091	3,11,798
		S. C. ...	30,240	19,589	11,670	61,499
	Grand Total ...	...	1,39,070	1,40,466	93,761	3,73,297

F 1.

MANNER OF DISPOSAL OF SUITS BY THE COURTS OF SMALL CAUSES SEPARATELY.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	WITHDRAWN, COMPROMISED, CONFESSED, &C.	DECIDED, EXPARTE.	CONTESTED, BOTH PARTIES PRESENT.	TOTAL.
BURDWAN ...	MIDNAPORE	518	158	182	858
	HOOGHLY	381	222	195	798
	SERAMPORE	780	346	368	1,494
	HOWRAH	1,237	662	802	2,701
PRESIDENCY ...	SEALDAH	2,472	2,077	1,297	5,846
	DUM-DUM CANTONMENT ...	27	22	21	70
	BARRACKPORE CANTONMENT ...	60	37	39	136
	KISHNAGHUR	1,106	673	513	2,292
	RANAGHAT	1,276	594	521	2,391
	MEHERPORE	915	415	422	1,752
	KOOSHTEA	1,735	677	747	3,159
	CHOOADANGAH	1,425	421	358	2,204
	JESSORE	3,448	1,654	1,080	6,182
	MAGOORAH	817	801	274	1,892
	JHENIDAH	1,893	1,048	445	3,386
	NARAIL	1,180	1,494	591	3,265
RAJSHAHYE ... AND COOCH BEHAR ...	BERHAMPORE SMALL CAUSE COURT.	97	59	50	206
	BEAULEAH	202	274	148	624
	PUBNA	785	448	388	1,621
	DARJEELING	443	492	82	1,017
DACCA	DACCA	1,486	1,232	586	3,304
	MOONSHEEGUNGE... ...	642	1,396	235	2,273
	FURREEDPORE	316	507	140	963
	BACKERGUNGE	897	1,134	325	2,356
PATNA	PATNA AND DINAPORE ...	757	366	291	1,414
	DINAPORE CANTONMENT ...	99	57	27	183
BHAUGULPORE ...	MONGHYR	1,059	849	386	2,294
	BHAUGULPORE	902	522	374	1,798
ORISSA	CUTTACK	3,285	952	783	5,020
	Total ...	**30,240**	**19,589**	**11,670**	**61,499**

F 2.

MANNER OF DISPOSAL OF SUITS BY OFFICERS VESTED WITH SMALL CAUSE COURT POWERS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	WITHDRAWN, COMPROMISED, CONFESSED, &c.	DECIDED EXPARTE.	CONTESTED (BOTH PARTIES PRESENT).	TOTAL.
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST	726	452	349	1,527
	BURDWAN, WEST	299	89	88	476
	BEERBHOOM	175	71	91	337
	MIDANPORE	2,243	866	609	3,718
	HOOGHLY	...	...	...	...
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS	2,368	1,381	1,054	4,803
	NUDDEA	306	217	149	672
	JESSORE	394	524	153	1,071
	MOORSHEDABAD	1,084	912	568	2,564
RAJSHAHYE ... AND COOCH BEHAR ...	DINAGEPORE	422	231	129	782
	RAJSHAHYE	760	310	226	1,296
	RUNGPORE	1,382	1,713	539	3,634
	PUBNA	615	667	193	1,475
DACCA	DACCA	651	3,263	538	4,452
	FURREEDPORE	327	1,654	200	2,181
	BACKERGUNGE	...	...	...	...
	MYMENSINGH	217	584	137	938
	TIPPERAH	111	134	107	352
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG	137	170	91	398
	NOAKHALLY	225	347	149	721
PATNA	PATNA	...	...	...	..
	GYA	114	50	67	231
	SHAHABAD	...	...	...	...
	TIRHOOT	...	...	...	...
	SARUN	251	18	45	314
BHAUGULPORE ...	BHAUGULPORE	...	...	...	...
	PURNEAH	487	174	95	756
ORISSA	CUTTACK	1,799	651	345	2,795
	Total ...	**15,093**	**14,478**	**5,922**	**35,493**

APPLICATIONS FOR AN ORDER TO SET ASIDE AN *EX-PARTE* JUDGMENT OR A JUDGMENT ON DEFAULT, 1879.

DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFFS.						SUB-JUDGE.						SMALL CAUSE COURTS.						JUDGES.					
	PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.		
	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.
Backergunge	671	270	941	320	450	770	14	13	27	16	10	26	56	107	163	108	41	149	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	75	57	132	87	44	131	2	2	4	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	2
Bhaugulpore	128	70	198	70	104	174	8	18	26	13	11	24	33	38	71	41	26	67	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan, East	223	101	324	111	187	298	9	6	15	7	11	18	...	...	...	...	...	...[a]	6	1	7	3	4	7
Burdwan, West	55	10	65	16	33	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	224	246	470	225	316	541	2	1	3	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	3	1	4
Cuttack	23	54	77	47	28	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	18	13	3	16	...	7	7	2	5	7
Dacca	98	67	165	83	79	162	4	1	5	2	2	4	16	46	62	45	41	86	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore	94	94	188	81	95	176	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	11	13	5	8	13	1	1	2	2	...	2
Furreedpore	226	72	298	113	213	326	6	...	6	...	11	11	31	...	31	19	22	41	..	4	4	...	4	4
Gya	31	13	44	12	26	38	2	5	7	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly	267	70	337	119	188	307	10	2	12	4	4	8	60	38	98	44	48	92	5	1	6	2	2	4
Jessore	613	191	804	233	456	689	4	2	6	1	3	4	301	386	687	404	226	630	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	213	155	368	195	182	377	12	...	12	4	6	10	11	12	23	11	12	23	..	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad	121	97	218	82	114	196	2	2	4	3	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensing	188	76	264	121	169	290	3	2	5	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	13	15	15	6	21
Noakhally	106	95	201	46	151	197	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	2
Nuddea	169	95	264	102	158	260	...	2	2	2	...	2	89	184	273	213	59	272	...	3	3	3	...	3
Patna	61	48	109	36	55	91	27	12	39	16	17	33	22	20	42	21	8	29	...	2	2	2	...	2
Pubna	126	53	179	66	115	181	16	...	16	...	13	13	15	6	21	9	12	21	...	...	...	...	...	..
Purneah	78	66	144	60	89	149	2	5	7	...	6	6	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	50	47	97	36	55	91	12	...	12	2	8	10	3	4	7	3	3	6	..	1	1	...	...	...
Rungpore	102	114	216	86	100	186	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	105	43	148	32	82	114	18	...	18	2	8	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	109	26	135	37	81	118	1	2	3	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	171	87	258	106	147	253	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	6	...	6
Tirhoot	100	12	112	29	92	121	3	2	5	3	5	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	410	150	560	240	326	566	4	2	6	1	4	5	21	9	30	9	14	23	..	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpur	28	25	53	31	12	43	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	4,865	2,504	7,369	2,822	4,147	6,969	162	82	244	85	125	210	648	861	1,509	945	523	1,468	17	42	59	38	26	64

H.

RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS IN EXECUTION OF DECREES IN THE CIVIL COURTS.

DISTRICT.	Courts.	Number of Applications on which realizations were made.				Amount realized.		
		In full satisfaction of decree.	In part satisfaction of decree.	With process.	Without process.	With process.	Without process.	Total.
						Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	R.	4,746	3,308	7,047	1,007	8,36,374	96,607	9,32,981
	S. C.	338	231	297	272	9,686	12,714	22,400
Beerbhoom	R.	1,400	1,265	2,204	461	1,12,972	19,684	1,32,656
Bhaugulpore	R.	2,174	1,118	2,854	438	9,48,478	82,999	10,31,477
	S. C.	453	325	494	284	25,988	15,362	41,350
Burdwan, East	R.	4,417	2,451	6,298	570	4,48,422	33,577	4,81,999
Burdwan, West	R.	1,388	676	1,930	134	1,25,632	4,638	1,30,270
Chittagong	R.	3,968	3,490	5,024	2,434	3,22,083	91,355	4,13,438
Cuttack	R.	960	505	1,252	213	2,58,265	24,966	2,83,231
	S. C.	638	136	494	280	12,884	9,427	22,311
Dacca	R.	2,002	1,401	3,030	463	3,98,923	30,155	4,29,078
	S. C.	548	660	1,178	30	51,514	1,461	52,975
Dinagepore	R.	1,722	443	1,988	177	2,00,135	12,179	2,12,314
	S. C.	158	37	115	80	6,215	8,281	14,496
Furreedpore	R.	2,913	2,160	4,712	361	2,54,349	19,647	2,73,996
	S. C.	38	40	67	11	1,031	488	1,519
Gya	R.	932	418	1,078	272	2,59,994	75,882	3,35,876
Hooghly	R.	3,365	1,750	4,323	792	9,04,852	33,060	9,37,912
	S. C.	635	286	766	155	38,091	6,767	44,858
Jessore	R.	6,305	4,292	10,042	555	4,39,871	15,868	4,55,739
	S. C.	585	1,845	2,255	175	25,907	2,335	28,242
Midnapore	R.	3,418	2,214	4,293	1,339	2,86,952	1,06,273	3,93,225
	S. C.	152	472	416	208	6,076	10,408	16,484
Moorshedabad	R.	2,387	1,063	3,082	368	3,56,013	64,268	4,20,281
	S. C.	38	7	25	20	1,948	2,886	4,834
Mymensingh	R.	4,270	3,122	6,428	964	5,18,815	1,08,462	6,27,277
Noakhally	R.	3,491	1,498	3,704	1,285	3,28,952	5,374	3,82,626
Nuddea	R.	2,383	971	2,909	445	2,94,870	19,258	3,14,128
	S. C.	1,222	1,653	2,774	101	67,611	5,528	73,139
Patna	R.	1,281	409	1,378	402	5,69,844	78,789	6,48,633
	S. C.	195	49	224	20	16,334	593	16,927
Pubna	R.	1,478	816	2,021	273	2,29,169	18,040	2,47,209
	S. C.	144	119	241	22	8,197	1,025	9,222
Purneah	R.	1,005	640	1,616	29	3,88,157	7,511	3,95,668
Rajshahye	R.	1,082	642	1,371	353	1,57,456	55,600	2,13,056
	S. C.	76	43	46	73	2,720	3,778	6,498
Rungpore	R.	2,457	1,095	3,197	355	5,85,411	17,952	6,03,363
Sarun	R.	1,418	659	1,893	184	2,89,725	37,992	3,27,717
Shahabad	R.	2,557	802	2,793	566	5,16,928	54,089	5,71,017
Tipperah	R.	3,533	1,937	4,126	1,344	4,05,452	93,008	4,98,460
Tirhoot	R.	2,388	1,387	3,298	477	7,52,183	84,086	8,36,269
24-Pergunnahs	R.	5,356	2,937	7,851	442	8,20,626	31,540	8,52,166
	S. C.	720	1,120	1,723	117	25,987	6,305	32,292
Chota Nagpore	R.	1,247	885	2,057	75	2,98,494	20,090	3,18,584
Total ...	R.	76,043	44,534	1,03,799	16,778	1,23,09,397	13,91,249	1,37,00,646
	S. C.	5,940	7,023	11,115	1,848	3,00,189	87,358	3,87,547

I.

ORIGINAL MISCELLANEOUS (JUDICIAL) CASES INSTITUTED, DISPOSED OF, AND PENDING IN CIVIL COURTS IN THE PAST AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	COURTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
			1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST ...	...	1,899	1,857	1,789	1,846	277	283
	BURDWAN, WEST ...	...	923	417	857	384	81	138
	BEERBHOOM ...	...	951	596	766	582	125	124
	MIDNAPORE ...	R. ...	2,163	2,216	2,258	2,188	388	435
		S. C. ...	42	67	40	69	7	4
	HOOGHLY ...	R. ...	2,450	2,184	2,290	2,111	555	607
		S. C. ...	5	218	5	206	...	13
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	R. ...	2,418	2,429	2,459	2,508	601	642
		S. C. ...	282	360	277	347	13	54
	NUDDEA ...	R. ...	2,044	1,236	2,341	1,176	223	292
		S. C. ...	243	758	237	756	34	43
	JESSORE ...	R. ...	3,840	2,587	3,721	3,081	790	828
		S. C. ...	498	874	468	837	30	67
	MOORSHEDABAD ...	R. ...	1,201	780	1,191	792	138	125
		S. C. ...	7	1	7	1	...	...
RAJSHAHYE ...	DINAGEPORE ...	R. ...	472	511	519	519	77	76
		S. C. ...	...	29	...	28	...	1
	RAJSHAHYE ...	R. ...	920	568	963	585	162	112
		S. C. ...	7	19	7	18	...	1
	RUNGPORE ...	...	1,117	813	1,145	890	195	135
	PUBNA ...	R. ...	499	566	428	544	88	140
		S. C. ...	31	45	28	47	3	1
DACCA ...	DACCA ...	R. ...	1,471	1,257	1,556	1,324	308	255
		S. C. ...	218	213	216	235	57	35
	FURREEDPORE ...	R. ...	1,166	895	1,164	1,019	207	175
		S. C. ...	21	31	22	41	8	4
	BACKERGUNGE ...	R. ...	1,948	1,805	1,902	1,766	309	383
		S. C. ...	17	179	14	174	10	15
	MYMENSINGH ...	...	1,586	1,349	1,492	1,442	276	199
	TIPPERAH ...	...	1,922	1,299	1,893	1,330	312	289
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG ...	...	2,082	1,590	2,062	1,629	319	298
	NOAKHALLY ...	...	2,073	956	1,493	1,182	359	140
PATNA ...	PATNA ...	R. ...	1,300	1,043	1,226	1,140	343	248
		S. C. ...	60	73	55	71	9	11
	GYA ...	...	1,026	675	1,040	637	196	194
	SHAHABAD ...	...	1,041	922	1,022	885	116	160
	SARUN ...	...	1,287	993	1,278	1,033	264	245
	TIRHOOT ...	...	1,963	1,257	1,871	1,311	343	365
BHAUGULPORE ...	BHAUGULPORE ...	R. ...	1,131	1,060	1,096	1,061	84	118
		S. C. ...	255	180	246	187	12	5
	PURNEAH ...	...	918	697	897	683	94	108
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK ...	R. ...	845	584	822	586	77	75
		S. C. ...	28	32	28	29	...	3
CHOTA NAGPORE...	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	...	1,024	638	1,030	644	99	102
	Total ...	R. ...	43,680	33,780	42,571	34,878	7,496	6,881
		S. C. ...	1,714	3,079	1,650	3,046	183	257
	GRAND TOTAL ...		45,394	36,859	44,221	37,924	7,679	7,138

I1.

ORIGINAL MISCELLANEOUS (NON-JUDICIAL) CASES INSTITUTED, DISPOSED OF, AND PENDING IN CIVIL COURTS IN THE PAST AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	1,727	1,648	1,527	1,757	447	343
	Burdwan, West ...	272	323	320	338	53	38
	Beerbhoom	361	382	301	463	178	95
	Midnapore	...	5,417	...	2,200	...	3,217
	Hooghly	...	2,628	...	2,333	...	721
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	1,591	1,674	1,555	1,711	103	66
	Nuddea	854	751	731	990	384	145
	Jessore	899	943	867	937	58	64
	Moorshedabad ...	931	993	959	791	139	253
RAJSHAHYE ...	Dinagepore	652	1,010	488	1,141	242	111
	Rajshahye	698	637	634	671	76	42
	Rungpore	41	275	33	224	8	59
	Pubna	721	544	675	582	111	73
DACCA	Dacca	827	699	702	1,237	682	144
	Furreedpore ...	179	215	143	262	53	6
	Backergunge ...	...	2,145	...	1,581	...	564
	Mymensingh	920	876	1,044	1,045	231	62
	Tipperah	1,172	1,539	536	1,338	2,334	2,554
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong	271	312	250	277	21	56
	Noakhally	544	450	107	571	437	316
PATNA	Patna	1,356	1,879	1,097	1,597	420	703
	Gya	41	430	31	271	11	231
	Shahabad ...	870	1,111	866	922	70	259
	Sarun	2,020	2,085	1,805	1,446	293	933
	Tirhoot	2,425	1,942	3,004	2,177	1,023	788
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore ...	...	3,155	...	3,752	...	978
	Purneah	1,066	1,356	881	1,025	445	854
ORISSA	Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Chota Nagpore ...	42	49	30	41	29	37
	Total ...	20,580	34,968	18,586	31,675	7,848	13,712

J.

APPEALS INSTITUTED, DISPOSED OF, AND PENDING IN CIVIL COURTS IN THE PAST AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	655	771	822	686	237	342
	Burdwan, West ...	249	297	121	42	179	434
	Beerbhoom ...	439	374	477	344	42	78
	Midnapore ...	736	1,034	892	794	451	697
	Hooghly ...	956	787	865	817	553	535
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	1,153	1,159	1,074	1,230	401	350
	Nuddea ...	590	689	502	642	697	763
	Jessore	784	918	1,089	1,107	530	368
	Moorshedabad ...	248	277	310	247	57	94
RAJSHAHYE ... AND	Dinagepore ...	313	225	274	299	116	51
	Rajshahye ...	595	231	1,028	203	180	82
	Rungpore ...	526	504	577	612	201	93
	Pubna	...	363	...	365	...	148
COOCH BEHAR ...	Julpigoree and Darjeeling.	46	...	46	...	7	...
DACCA ...	Dacca	762	950	782	760	324	529
	Furreedpore ...	460	450	523	458	429	432
	Backergunge ...	454	452	452	479	172	150
	Mymensingh ...	893	1,025	1,042	978	241	320
	Tipperah	926	1,150	1,101	1,014	645	811
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong ...	642	748	798	854	254	200
	Noakhally ...	378	337	587	320	155	172
PATNA ...	Patna	601	668	847	1,001	675	367
	Gya	550	435	613	400	252	302
	Shahabad ...	1,045	1,048	985	846	382	630
	Tirhoot	1,591	1,502	930	1,385	1,290	1,430
	Sarun	829	780	679	1,237	898	494
BHAUGULPORE	Bhaugulpore ...	1,087	1,053	938	1,174	406	314
	Purneah	322	435	369	420	26	42
ORISSA ...	Cuttack	332	315	307	310	348	255
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore ...	441	502	432	462	233	288
	Total ...	16,603	19,479	19,462	19,486	10,281	10,771

K.

NUMBER OF APPELLATE JUDGES AND OF APPEALS PREFERRED, WITH RATIO OF APPEALS TO DECISIONS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Appellate Judges.	Number of decisions in which an appeal lay to the District Courts.	Number of appeals preferred.	Ratio of appeals to decisions in which an appeal lay.
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST	3	3,324	771	23·19
	BURDWAN, WEST ...	1	992	297	29·94
	BEERBHOOM	2	1,213	374	30·83
	MIDNAPORE	2	2,887	1,034	35·81
	HOOGHLY	4	2,752	787	28·59
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS	4	5,051	1,159	22·94
	NUDDEA	2	3,109	689	22·16
	JESSORE	3	5,704	918	16·09
	MOORSHEDABAD	2	2,846	277	11·80
RAJSHAHYE ... AND COOCH BEHAR ...	DINAGEPORE	2	1,728	225	13·02
	RAJSHAHYE	2	1,135	231	20·35
	RUNGPORE	2	2,663	504	18·92
	PUBNA	2	1,258	363	28·85
DACCA ..	DACCA	3	2,624	950	36·20
	FURREEDPORE	2	1,939	450	23·20
	BACKERGUNGE	4	2,764	452	16·35
	MYMENSINGH	3	4,352	1,025	23·55
	TIPPERAH	3	4,909	1,150	23·42
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG	4	4,014	748	18·63
	NOAKHALLY	2	1,516	337	22·22
PATNA	PATNA	4	1,553	668	43·01
	GYA	3	874	435	49·77
	SHAHABAD	2	1,952	1,048	53·68
	TIRHOOT	3	3,323	1,502	45·20
	SARUN	3	1,422	780	54·85
BHAUGULPORE ...	BHAUGULPORE	3	2,998	1,053	35·12
	PURNEAH	1	2,071	435	21·00
ORISSA	CUTTACK	2	768	315	41·01
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	6	1,399	502	35·88
	Total ...	79	72,640	19,479	16 81

L.

NUMBER OF APPEALS OF EACH CLASS INSTITUTED IN THE CIVIL COURTS IN THE PAST AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR.

District.	1878.			1879.		
	In suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.	In suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.
Backergunge ...	122	239	93	103	246	103
Beerbhoom ...	69	158	212	47	159	168
Bhaugulpore ...	163	703	221	130	654	269
Burdwan, East	99	211	345	145	227	399
Burdwan, West	16	78	155	27	106	164
Chittagong ...	135	190	317	157	232	359
Cuttack ...	42	45	245	70	67	178
Dacca ..	122	220	420	163	377	410
Dinagepore ..	122	83	108	70	89	66
Furreedpore ...	136	158	166	121	182	147
Gya ...	72	209	269	93	155	187
Hooghly ...	148	460	348	160	296	331
Jessore ...	55	360	369	74	471	373
Midnapore ...	131	270	335	196	344	494
Moorshedabad...	40	121	87	57	103	117
Mymensingh ...	335	292	266	383	306	366
Noakhally ...	88	227	63	84	174	79
Nuddea ...	13	342	235	30	402	257
Patna ...	50	336	215	65	372	231
Pubna ...	...	...	...	86	155	122
Purneah ..	70	179	73	153	177	105
Rajshahye ...	162	292	141	88	81	62
Rungpore ...	182	218	126	151	190	163
Sarun ...	85	432	312	120	453	207
Shahabad ...	75	499	471	74	498	476
Tipperah ...	135	514	277	208	539	403
Tirhoot ...	196	1,075	320	231	819	452
24-Pergunnahs...	250	409	494	274	366	519
Chota Nagpore...	177	84	180	169	146	187
Julpigoree and Darjeeling ...	14	16	16	...	...	...
Total ...	3,304	8,420	6,879	3,699	8,386	7,394

M.

VALUE OF APPEALS OF EACH CLASS INSTITUTED IN THE CIVIL COURTS IN THE PAST AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR.

District.	1878.			1879.		
	In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.	In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge ...	29,510	17,224	19,555	19,139	32,115	24,660
Beerbhoom ...	5,774	11,475	50,728	3,980	7,595	37,843
Bhaugulpore ...	40,597	68,390	1,15,929	4,00,060	64,029	61,799
Burdwan, East	9,158	20,678	67,142	15,398	18,782	70,464
Burdwan West	2,273	3,464	16,221	4,865	7,398	22,831
Chittagong ...	15,006	8,383	41,946	19,494	11,610	38,492
Cuttack ...	5,169	6,831	44 185	16,414	5,119	27,569
Dacca ...	9,635	8,939	70,928	14,685	12,459	1,20,013
Dinagepore ...	11,540	15,264	30,990	6,189	6,403	11,019
Furreedpore ...	15,552	12,937	58,644	11,852	13,379	42,947
Gya ...	8,207	46,695	1,06,529	21,758	43,288	75,669
Hooghly ...	15,435	20,658	90,886	4,562	22,319	62,849
Jessore ...	11,184	30,735	43,577	12,240	31,227	58,126
Midnapore ...	13 847	16,761	78,449	20,726	22,669	93,052
Moorshedabad ...	5,391	8,820	48,400	3,401	7,447	33,146
Mymensingh ...	23,450	20,290	64,849	29,729	21,879	87,822
Noakhally ...	12,503	20,048	10,633	10,956	14,391	6,851
Nuddea ...	3,173	20,947	57,019	8,154	21,675	68,575
Patna ...	4,380	28,089	76,054	19,562	58,470	93,102
Pubnah ...	..	...	.	24,223	9,627	17,447
Purneah ...	7,013	10,117	24,011	8,641	14,558	33,184
Rajshahye ...	51.515	30,181	58,219	30,552	12,395	26,006
Rungpore ...	26,175	14,218	32,465	28,708	11,818	26,040
Sarun ...	8,289	26,468	58,058	31,629	25,740	48,815
Shahabad ...	9.857	26,003	1,04,976	9,484	32.711	1,01,471
Tipperah ...	10,547	37,382	50,426	23,088	42,504	48,906
Tirhoot ...	70 479	1,01,029	72,566	76,193	65.685	91,193
24 Pergunnahs ...	48,237	34.644	77,759	53,458	27,731	74,617
Chota Nagpore ...	32,600	12,560	52.605	38,143	25,585	65,611
Julpigoree and Darjeeling ...	3,709	336	4,661	.	...	..
Total ...	5,10,295	6,89,175	16,18,410	6,07,345	6,90,627	15,79,211

N.

APPEALS HOW DISPOSED OF.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	CONFIRMED.	MODIFIED.	REVERSED.	REMANDED.	OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF.	TOTAL.
BURDWAN ..	BURDWAN, EAST ...	423	47	160	23	33	686
	BURDWAN, WEST ...	21	...	15	1	5	42
	BEERBHOOM	214	40	51	3	6	344
	MIDNAPORE	503	76	175	15	25	794
	HOOGHLY	489	58	178	23	69	817
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	781	91	256	45	57	1,230
	NUDDEA	381	55	163	17	26	642
	JESSORE	712	63	221	44	67	1,107
	MOORSHEDABAD ...	165	14	42	2	24	247
RAJSHAHYE ...	DINAGEPORE ...	216	18	46	11	8	299
	RAJSHAHYE	143	3	47	6	4	203
	RUNGPORE	326	54	151	49	32	612
	PUBNA	174	28	71	71	21	365
DACCA ...	DACCA	470	76	124	6	84	760
	FURREEDPORE	291	40	85	10	32	458
	BACKERGUNGE... ...	317	26	84	32	20	479
	MYMENSINGH	575	192	171	21	19	978
	TIPPERAH	642	62	252	11	47	1,014
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG	500	89	178	33	54	854
	NOAKHALLY	226	28	53	6	7	320
PATNA	PATNA	655	94	163	44	45	1,001
	GYA	256	38	72	30	4	400
	SHAHABAD	551	113	121	12	49	846
	TIRHOOT	766	89	375	17	138	1,385
	SARUN	861	39	231	30	76	1,237
BHAUGULPORE ...	BHAUGULPORE... ...	691	188	176	25	94	1,174
	PURNEAH	198	68	99	42	13	420
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK	207	18	55	4	26	310
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	271	57	85	22	27	462
	Total ...	12,055	1,764	3,900	655	1,112	19,486

O.

MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST ...	59	59	57	57	4	7
	BURDWAN, WEST ...	35	21	17	22	22	21
	BEERBHOOM	23	30	20	31	5	4
	MIDNAPORE	50	73	68	71	6	9
	HOOGHLY	61	34	67	23	27	39
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	64	66	72	59	2	9
	NUDDEA	42	38	52	33	7	15
	JESSORE	47	62	86	72	21	11
	MOORSHEDABAD ...	20	22	20	20	4	6
RAJSHAHYE AND ...	DINAGEPORE	32	15	45	19	6	4
	RAJSHAHYE	49	19	99	18	8	6
	RUNGPORE	20	30	32	32	4	3
	PUBNA	...	32	...	31	...	6
COOCH BEHAR ...	JULPIGOREE AND DARJEELING	2	...	3	...	...	...
DACCA	DACCA	36	52	46	50	7	11
	FURREEDPORE	42	56	49	35	6	27
	BACKERGUNGE ...	51	55	31	58	22	20
	MYMENSINGH	94	75	107	45	18	53
	TIPPERAH	89	76	124	78	66	65
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG	116	105	101	141	55	22
	NOAKHALLY	32	37	37	33	2	6
PATNA	PATNA	53	87	50	117	88	60
	GYA	72	61	106	63	28	27
	SHAHABAD	66	51	52	34	21	38
	TIRHOOT	87	91	70	46	26	71
	SARUN	39	41	8	45	73	69
BHAUGULPORE ...	BHAUGULPORE... ...	77	55	64	66	33	24
	PURNEAH	18	42	17	41	2	3
ORISSA	CUTTACK	18	15	12	12	6	9
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	74	60	59	66	45	42
	Total ...	1,466	1,460	1,568	1,418	614	687

P 1.

WORK DONE BY DISTRICT JUDGES, 1879.

DISTRICTS.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	No. of Sessions Trials.	No. of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge	49	219	1	86	86	8	...	264
Beerbhoom	191	65	20	98	224	31	24	37
Bhaugulpore	164	111	5	114	394	66	68†	71
Burdwan, East	193	58	22	310	257	57	45	102
Burdwan, West	131	146*	14	91	42	22	36	30
Chittagong	42	29	1	120	15	27	...	53
Cuttack	121	123	2	91	309	12	71	115
Dacca	126	133	16	499	124	50	90	212
Dinagepore	158	81	...	126	175	19	34	54
Furreedpore	125	158	8	166	236	35	61	122
Gya	136	119	7	172	103	62	64	80
Hooghly	138	116	10	536	116	23	33	59
Jessore	155	88	6	415	574	72	66	129
Midnapore	139	115	8	469	258	71	56	70
Moorshedabad	166	78	3	175	147	20	43	101
Mymensingh	103	158	6	187	56	45	76	102
Noakhally	185	59	46	206	247	33	24	88
Nuddea	117	142	7	341	196	33	84	100
Patna	167	82	1	472	247	117	77	73
Pubna and Bogra	144	98	18	71	201	31	60	97
Purneah	181	72	1	64	420	41	21	64
Rajshahye	141	96	3	179	199	18	75	77
Rungpore	171	68	7	166	342	28	62	63
Sarun	134	138	...	271	6	45	61	127
Shahabad	180	101	...	180	486	34	27	111
Tipperah	158	89	3	194	208	78	29	131
Tirhoot	155	88	...	216	876	46	18	46
24-Pergunnahs	236	16	15	717	734	58	...	122
Chota Nagpore	123	126	1	1	251	33	99	70
Total ...	4,229	2,972	231	6,733	7,529	1,205	1,404	2,770

* This includes 21 days spent in holding session at Burdwan.
† Includes 4 cases from Rajmehal.

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WORK DONE BY ADDITIONAL JUDGES.

DISTRICT.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	No. of Sessions Trials.	No. of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge	2	77	...	...	4	...	132	...
Burdwan, East	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	135	54	8	296	112	114	28	...
Gya	25	...	...	36	42	1	...	...
Hooghly	...	37	...	...	...	...	24	41
Patna	157	...	...	152	252	...	...	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	82	123	...	7	229	...	94	...
Total ...	**401**	**311**	**8**	**491**	**639**	**115**	**278**	**41**

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WORK DONE BY SUBORDINATE JUDGES IN 1879.

DISTRICTS.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.			Appeals.	
	Withdrawn, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Application for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.
Backergunge { 1st Sub. Judge ...	27	56	70	153	232	163	...	267	25
Backergunge { 2nd Ditto ...	17	44	31	92	218	69	...	122	25
Beerbhoom	5	12	31	48	47	35	...	120	...
Bhaugulpore { 1st Sub. Judge ...	65	114	133	312	299	142	1	405	...
Bhaugulpore { 2nd Ditto ...	3	...	14	17	22	25	19	375	...
Burdwan, East { 1st Sub. Judge ...	51	19	63	133	212	148	...	261	...
Burdwan, East { 2nd Ditto ...	13	15	22	50	2	1	...	168	...
Burdwan, West	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong { 1st Sub. Judge ...	7	5	18	30	83	36	...	383	..
Chittagong { 2nd Ditto ...	4	4	12	20	20	19	...	344	...
Cuttack	33	32	31	96	112	51*	...	1	...
Dacca { 1st Sub. Judge ...	56	66	92	214	212	129	...	283	...
Dacca { 2nd Ditto ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	353	...
Dinagepore	195	219	232	646*	179	42*	2	124	...
Furreedpore	11	24	32	67	109	91		222	...
Gya	50	39	126	215	163	70	1	255	...
Hooghly { 1st Sub. Judge ...	52	64	71	187	215	97	1	368	...
Hooghly { 2nd Ditto ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	135	...
Hooghly { 3rd Ditto ...	1	...	7	8	...	...	...	198	...
Jessore { 1st Sub. Judge ...	29	23	61	113	112	77	...	337	...
Jessore { 2nd Ditto ...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	196	...
Midnapore { 1st Sub. Judge ...	57	45	71	173	159	104	1	135	...
Midnapore { 2nd Ditto ...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	401	...
Moorshedabad	25	40	55	120	162	64	1	100	...
Mymensingh { 1st Sub. Judge ...	13	62	62	137	177	47	3	622	...
Mymensingh { 2nd Ditto ...	6	11	17	34	51	13	1	300	...
Noakhally	1	7	2	10	10	1		73	...
Nuddea	24	27	72	123	110	51	1	446	...
Patna { 1st Sub. Judge ...	68	38	123	229	278	145	...	1	...
Patna { 2nd Ditto ...	28	2	73	103	14	34	...	501	...
Pubna	9	40	17	66	26	37	...	164	...
Purneah	506	197	124	827*	181	84	..	...	...
Rajshahye	21	38	47	106	97	46	3	4	...
Rungpore	21	57	45	123	104	26	...	270	4
Sarun { 1st Sub. Judge ...	82	51	90	223	116	97	...	154	...
Sarun { 2nd Ditto ...	...	...	...	...	...	70	...	1,077	...
Shahabad	48	27	95	170	177	122	...	360	...
Tipperah { 1st Sub. Judge ...	5	7	5	17	127	105	2	506	...
Tipperah { 2nd Ditto ...	27	37	29	93	47	23	...	300	...
Tirhoot { 1st Sub. Judge ...	40	77	91	208	221	345	...	141	...
Tirhoot { 2nd Ditto ...	38	15	105	158	106	62	...	368	...
24-Pergunnahs { 1st Sub. Judge ...	42	41	69	152	115	59	1	125	1
24-Pergunnahs { 2nd Ditto ...	30	38	48	116	120	66	1	142	...
Chota Nagpore	56	32	106	194	266	155	...	211	33
Total ...	**1,766**	**1,625**	**2,392**	**5,783**	**4,931**	**2,955**	**38**	**11,318**	**88**

* Including cases disposed of as Munsif.

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SHOWING THE NUMBER OF SUITS AND MISCELLANEOUS CASES DISPOSED OF IN EACH MUNSIFF'S COURT IN 1879.

District.	Munsiffeh.	Suits				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided exparte.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Backergunge	Burrisal, 1st	350	1,515	262	2,127	1,246	159	24
	Do., 2nd ...	258	986	301	1,545	1,162	205	21
	Do., 3rd ...	561	1,598	231	2,390	906	185	31
	Dukhin Shahbazpore, 1st ...	532	1,311	488	2,331	894	139	148
	Do. Do., 2nd ...	468	839	287	1,594	399	74	21
	Patuakhally, 1st	731	985	273	1,089	990	199	521
	Do., 2nd ...	297	683	209	1,189	141	27	5
	Perozepore, 1st ...	382	734	363	1,479	684	234	..
	Do., 2nd	646	1,270	316	2,232	1,177	226	810
	Total ...	4,225	9,921	2,730	16,876	7,599	1,448	1,581
Beerbhoom ..	Soory	513	225	423	1,161	663	121	93
	Doobrajpore	398	220	346	964	749	104	121
	Bholepore	483	242	403	1,128	540	135	40
	Rampore Haut	113	48	61	222	83	12	49
	Moureshur	409	184	157	750	529	77	160
	Total ...	1,916	919	1,390	4,225	2,564	449	463
Bhaugulpore	Bhaugulpore	483	312	427	1,222	458	113	612
	Monghyr	793	665	670	2,128	781	333	780
	Jumooee	212	339	435	986	404	71	186
	Begoosorai	326	486	515	1,327	463	132	257
	Mudheypoora	983	943	452	2,378	578	90	1,376
	Banka	335	412	358	1,105	280	41	521
	Total ...	3,132	3,157	2,857	9,146	2,964	780	3,732
Burdwan, East	Sudder, 1st	701	660	293	1,654	714	185	135
	Do., 2nd	534	465	576	1,575	820	153	127
	Culna	715	535	328	1,578	684	145	104
	Cutwa	938	380	437	1,755	1,040	196	691
	Budbud	719	701	431	1,851	1,122	258	308
	Raneegunge	537	232	362	1,131	509	116	78*
	Jehanabad	1,066	694	557	2,317	1,441	250	309
	Additional, Cutwa, &c. ...	262	268	411	941	75	56	...
	Do., Budbud, &c. ...	424	313	305	1,042	126	28	
	Total ...	5,896	4,248	3,700	13,844	6,62.	1,387	1,752
Burdwan, West.	Bankoorah	648	278	345	1,271	562	55	68
	Gungajulghati	483	170	258	911	407	81	163
	Bishenpore, 1st	869	359	334	1,562	843	117	79
	Do., 2nd	180	78	174	432	166	21	
	Kotulpore	92	81	51	224	57	18	28
	Khattra	27	24	...	51	15	1	
	Total ..	2,299	990	1,162	4,451	2,050	293	338
Chittagong ..	Sudder, 1st	467	509	539	1,515	453	149	23
	Meersorai	691	498	390	1,579	504	62	24
	Satkania	675	450	398	1,523	807	118	41
	Raojan, 1st	430	776	374	1,580	1,033	102	33
	Ditto 2nd at Rangoneah ...	431	271	405	1,107	589	56	16
	Putteah, 1st	460	687	344	1,491	1,080	202	38
	Ditto 2nd	501	501	227	1,229	1,046	185	22
	Hathazaree	512	393	516	1,421	679	86	31
	Futtickcherry	531	272	535	1,338	503	107	27
	Anwara	451	260	233	950	423	74	6
	Cox's Bazar	354	161	135	650	228	17	16
	Total ...	5,503	4'784	4,096	14,383	7,345	1,158	277
Cuttack ..	Sudder ..	323	128	165	616	281	144	
	Balasore	962	236	297	1,495	281	56	
	Pooree ...	814	633	254	1,701	284	38	...
	Jajpore	1,467	368	406	2,241	480	206	...
	Total ...	3,566	1,365	1,122	6,053	1,326	444	...

* The figures against this Munsiffee are for the first nine months of 1879.

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SHOWING THE NUMBER OF SUITS AND MISCELLANEOUS CASES DISPOSED OF IN EACH MUNSIFF'S COURT IN 1879—contd.

District.	Munsiffee.	Suits				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided ex parte.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Dacca ...	Sudder, 1st ...	440	833	284	1,557	291	100	2
	Do. 2nd ...	580	706	354	1,640	371	59	36
	Kallygunge, 1st ...	183	818	314	1,315	351	82	170
	Ditto 2nd ...	580	637	500	1,717	186	20	...
	Manickgunge, 1st ...	617	776	502	1,895	559	78	769
	Ditto 2nd ...	507	542	499	1,548	463	90	89
	Ditto 3rd ...	163	148	156	467	26	13	..
	Moousheegunge, 1st ...	494	1,773	498	2,765	679	127	143
	Ditto 2nd ...	336	2,002	642	2,980	285	127	28
	Total ..	**3,900**	**8,235**	**3,749**	**15,884**	**3,211**	**696**	**1,237**
Dinagepore ..	Sudder	586	1,078	397	2,061	1,030	169	260
	Torui	83	59	23	165	39	7	...
	Putnitollah	227	207	101	535	116	10	72
	Hemtabad	463	359	249	1,071	194	42	107
	Thacoorgong	718	835	631	2,184	377	75	491
	Chintamun	145	568	233	946	228	48	209
	Total ...	**2,222**	**3,106**	**1,634**	**6,962**	**1,984**	**351**	**1,139**
Furreedpore	Sudder	207	836	296	1,339	739	90	39
	Bhanga, 1st	219	916	168	1,303	762	91	29
	Ditto 2nd ..	662	2,567	452	3,681	913	139	4
	Goalundo, 1st	491	569	281	1,341	614	96	137
	Ditto 2nd	312	232	208	752	336	120	...
	Madaripore	348	1,505	262	2,115	875	66	38
	Moofatgunge	243	1,105	288	1,636	435	87	4
	Ditto 2nd ...	366	801	311	1,478	287	73	11
	Total ...	**2,848**	**85,31**	**2,266**	**13,645**	**4,961**	**762**	**262**
Cya ...	Sudder, 1st	356	229	315	900	597	141	80
	Do., 2nd	338	137	371	846	374	81	96
	Aurungabad	142	112	153	407	198	137	94
	Total ...	**836**	**478**	**839**	**2,153**	**1,169**	**359**	**270**
Hooghly ...	Sudder, 1st	428	238	219	885	531	107	55
	Do., 2nd	397	241	200	838	497	204	219
	Howrah	532	714	258	1,504	746	308	614
	Serampore, 1st	730	1,101	648	2,479	1,029	252	88
	Do., 2nd, and Howrah	476	514	426	1,416	244	63	.....
	Haripal	354	351	386	1,091	656	109	447
	Mohesh rekha, 1st ...	547	292	233	1,072	323	151	493
	Do., 2nd ...	511	407	286	1,204	554	220	277
	Jehanabad, 1st	110	48	28	186	242	49	139
	Do., 2nd	53	29	61	143	54	15	.....
	Total ...	**4,138**	**3,935**	**2,745**	**10,818**	**4,876**	**1,478**	**2,332**
Jessore ...	Sudder, 1st	653	701	542	1,896	1,216	243	39
	Do., 2nd	706	863	578	2,147	979	330	64
	Do., 3rd	616	1,087	892	2,545	1,546	516	123
	Narail, 1st	383	793	414	1,590	1,358	280	61
	Do., 2nd	331	622	413	1,366	914	212	15
	Jhenidah	713	586	742	2,041	704	224	270
	Bagirhat, 1st	770	1,017	476	2,263	761	289	80
	Do., 2nd	279	448	366	1,093	454	108	101
	Magoorah	558	843	455	1,856	1,109	81	71
	Khoolnah	1,224	1,016	978	4,118	1,490	306	113
	Total ...	**6,233**	**8,826**	**5,856**	**20,915**	**10,471**	**2,589**	**937**

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SHOWING THE NUMBER OF SUITS AND MISCELLANEOUS CASES DISPOSED OF IN EACH MUNSIFF'S COURT IN 1879—contd.

District.	Munsiffee.	Suits				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided ex-parte	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
Midnapore	Sudder, 1st	1,680	835	544	3,059	1,177	248	406
	Do., 2nd	1,340	460	393	2,193	800	217	151
	Dantoon	881	391	216	1,488	226	97	361
	Nemal, 1st	862	319	454	1,635	1,200	299	132
	Do., 2nd	736	277	575	1,588	114	66	.....
	Do., 3rd	60	54	53	167	.....	1	.....
	Gurbettah	1,011	893	260	2,164	885	194	50
	Tumlook	1,253	699	420	2,372	635	290	557
	Do., 2nd	350	117	183	650	27	41	.....
	Ghattal	630	229	292	1,151	385	158	542
	Additional, Do.	68	30	53	151	.....	.....	.....
	Total	**8,871**	**4,304**	**3,443**	**16,618**	**5,449**	**1,611**	**2,199**
Moorsheda-bad.	Sudder, 1st	596	672	460	1,728	506	53	95
	Do., 2nd	708	689	388	1,785	663	113	65
	Do., 3rd	489	744	436	1,669	451	68	113
	Kandi	37	20	26	83	83	17	64
	Ramporehat	591	378	434	1,403	301	64	271
	Jungypore	958	917	570	2,445	730	102	101
	Additional, Do.	142	136	176	454	107	28	21
	Azimgunge	575	683	381	1,639	417	108	60
	Total	**4,096**	**4,239**	**2,871**	**11,206**	**3,258**	**553**	**790**
Mymensingh	Sudder	475	1,135	426	2,036	499	144	184
	Sherpore as Sudder	25	50	86	161	....	.....	.....
	Ishragunge	129	689	311	1,129	468	41	39
	Ghosegong	199	962	276	1,437	540	54	20
	Nicklee, 1st	333	350	331	1,014	612	44	461
	Do., 2nd	363	442	400	1,205	646	363	27
	Pingna	283	679	275	1,237	880	59	47
	Shorepore	126	512	173	811	288	37	33
	Attia, 1st	262	653	437	1,352	720	116	59
	Do., 2nd	160	525	238	923	285	28	30
	Jamalpore	321	601	338	1,260	505	110	110
	Netrokona, 1st	345	1,018	392	1,755	447	84	7
	Do., 2nd	294	833	337	1,464	568	63	4
	Bazitpore	482	653	362	1,497	704	52	20
	Total	**3,797**	**9,102**	**4,382**	**17,281**	**7,162**	**1,195**	**1,041**
Noakhally	Sudharam / Do., 2nd, and Begumgunge	931	1,440	759	3,130	1,308	215	34
	Lukhipore	1,561	1,682	564	3,807	1,458	180	74
	Sundeep	553	417	466	1,436	676	119	11
	Begumgunge	921	763	399	2,083	866	67	49
	Dewangunge	538	1,050	784	2,372	608	394	403
	Total	**4,504**	**5,352**	**2,972**	**12,828**	**4,916**	**975**	**571**
Nuddea	Kishnaghur	343	472	522	1,337	537	121	424
	Kooshtea, 1st	173	305	382	860	379	137	102
	Do., 2nd	253	263	304	820	235	110	22
	Bongong, 1st	586	331	392	1,309	370	99	40
	Do., 2nd	811	859	659	2,329	643	66	109
	Meherpore	351	172	154	677	279	60	97
	Ranaghat	205	286	301	882	451	111	173
	Chooadangah and also 2nd Mff. of Kishnaghur	257	289	502	1,048	330	80	22
	Total	**3,069**	**2,977**	**3,216**	**9,262**	**3,224**	**784**	**989**
Patna	Sudder, 1st	414	89	315	818	677	141	686
	Do., 2nd	398	236	381	1,015	473	104	526
	Do., 3rd	79	48	352	479	15	19	...
	Behar	211	88	355	654	309	73	385
	Total	**1,102**	**461**	**1,403**	**2,966**	**1,474**	**337**	**1,597**

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SHOWING THE NUMBER OF SUITS AND MISCELLANEOUS CASES DISPOSED OF IN EACH MUNSIFF'S COURT IN 1879—contd.

District.	Munsiffee.	Suits				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided ex parte.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Pubna and Bograh ...	Pubna	401	406	546	1,353	572	130	165
	Bograh, 1st	664	556	275	1,495	611	113	119
	Do., 2nd	360	318	233	911	81	16	101
	Shazadpore	377	413	269	1,059	508	90	65
	Serajgunge	454	855	308	1,617	487	87	132
	Total ...	**2,256**	**2,548**	**1,631**	**6,435**	**2,259**	**436**	**582**
Purneah ...	Sudder	235	1,036	448	1,719	436	135	208
	Addl. Do.	23	30	32	85	...	...	..
	Kudba	133	894	126	1,153	219	55	150
	Arrareah, 1st	649	447	492	1,588	415	187	378
	Do., 2nd	114	106	176	396	61	40	...
	Kishengunge	812	468	508	1,788	268	56	289
	Addl. Do.	481	273	269	1,023	62	62	...
	Total ...	**2,447**	**3,254**	**2,051**	**7,752**	**1,461**	**535**	**1,025**
Rajshahye ..	Bauleah	629	373	257	1,259	430	130	190
	Nattore	623	317	222	1,162	372	77	211
	Maldah	819	489	593	1,901	379	109	148
	Seebgunge	509	432	270	1,211	437	53	119
	Total ...	**2,580**	**1,611**	**1,342**	**5,533**	**1,618**	**360**	**668**
Rungpore ...	Rungpore, 1st	717	769	515	2,001	515	58	18
	Do., 2nd	383	439	356	1,178	226	27	9
	Do., 3rd	325	457	239	1,021	350	136	65
	Kurigaon, 1st	774	477	244	1,495	252	38	48
	Do., 2nd	554	813	299	1,666	440	92	58
	Do., 3rd	89	61	224	374	1	2	...
	Nelphamaree, 1st ...	647	950	339	1,936	574	71	10
	Do., 2nd ...	193	452	188	833	4	5	...
	Olipore	86	57	18	161	40	16	...
	Gaibunda, 1st	470	733	138	1,341	557	91	16
	Do., 2nd	172	193	160	525	80	19	...
	Julpigoree	626	1,079	304	2,009	389	128	...
	Addl. Do.	233	714	134	1,081	6	15	...
	Total ...	**5,269**	**7,194**	**3,158**	**15,621**	**3,443**	**698**	**224**
Sarun ...	Chupra	490	438	268	1,196	721	162	176
	Sowan	394	228	410	1,032	377	263	274
	Motihari	638	167	320	1,125	417	99	596
	Pursa	370	222	407	999	438	71	400
	Total ...	**1,892**	**1,055**	**1,405**	**4,352**	**1,953**	**595**	**1,446**
Shahabad ..	Arrah, 1st	521	182	382	1,085	662	120	392
	Ditto 2nd	662	470	439	1,571	989	163	201
	Ditto Addl.	215	109	246	570	261	46	...
	Buxar	490	374	427	1,291	895	117	327
	Sasseeram	620	190	425	1,235	355	137	2
	Total ...	**2,508**	**1,325**	**1,919**	**5,752**	**3,162**	**583**	**922**
Tipperah ...	Commillah, 1st	350	395	299	1,044	879	93	48
	Ditto 2nd	362	295	286	943	372	77	13
	Ditto 3rd	218	265	285	768	216	33	50
	Brahmonbariah, 1st ..	343	624	355	1,322	584	91	28
	Ditto 2nd ...	205	551	359	1,115	403	85	50
	Ditto 3rd ...	384	471	372	1,227	173	47	28
	Kusba Neornuggur ...	453	359	289	1,101	530	59	7
	Ram Roygram	379	639	637	1,655	495	112	179
	Mooradnuggor, 1st ...	768	872	645	2,285	741	146	799
	Ditto 2nd ...	458	707	408	1,573	336	70	...
	Ditto 3rd ...	396	647	550	1,593	361	62	57
	Chandpore	735	1,959	523	3,217	763	133	77
	Total ...	**5,051**	**7,784**	**5,008**	**7,843**	**5,293**	**1,008**	**1,336**

P 4.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF SUITS AND MISCELLANEOUS CASES DISPOSED OF IN EACH MUNSIFF'S COURT IN 1879—concld.

District.	Munsiffee.	Suits				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided ex-parte.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Tirhoot	Mozufferpore, 1st ...	178	145	245	568	17	4	68
	Ditto 2nd ...	385	427	469	1,281	935	183	235
	Tajpore ...	216	203	749	1,168	617	64	295
	Hajeepore ...	321	174	489	984	506	113	228
	Modhoobunee ...	145	163	246	554	388	126	78
	Durbhunga, 1st ...	292	345	403	1,040	421	111	352
	Ditto 2nd ...	75	81	199	355	6	4	..
	Seetamurhee ...	277	210	364	851	518	83	921
	Total ...	1,889	1,748	3,164	6,801	3,408	688	2,177
24-Pergunnahs	Alipore, 1st ...	814	487	458	1,759	472	107	141
	Ditto 2nd ...	896	495	517	1,908	474	169	112
	Alipore and Satkhirah ...	54	23	60	137	2	10	...
	Diamond Harbour, 1st ...	863	495	468	1,826	762	181	186
	Ditto 2nd ...	547	423	387	1,357	1,039	153	262
	Ditto 3rd ...	193	174	250	617	46	36	...
	Baraset, 1st	585	736	549	1,870	775	122	108
	Ditto 2nd	741	654	432	1,827	572	132	100
	Satkhirah, 1st	636	736	646	2,018	752	127	112
	Ditto, 2nd	766	583	567	1,916	882	218	103
	Bussecrhaut, 1st... ...	647	435	366	1,448	523	50	131
	Ditto, 2nd	701	361	375	1,437	500	71	150
	Sealdah	594	577	411	1,582	650	162	40
	Barroipore	1,024	514	593	2,131	494	121	264
	Total ...	9,061	6,693	6,079	833	8,033	1,659	1,709
Chota Nagpore.	Lohardugga	52	42	59	153	153	13	
	Ranchee	143	100	89	332	202	102	
	Palamow	136	57	65	258	129	31	
	Hazareebagh	176	60	71	307	71	62	
	Chattra	88	47	58	193	40	36	41
	Khurrukdea	232	186	140	558	186	23	
	Purulia	362	259	311	932	404	89	
	Barabazar	399	140	251	790	346	69	
	Rughoonathpore ...	318	174	323	815	334	63	
	Total ...	1,906	1,065	1,367	4,338	1,865	488	41
	GRAND TOTAL...	1,07,012	1,19,207	79,557	3,05,776	1,15,119	24,699	31,437

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AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES.

DISTRICT.	Procedure.*	District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Moonsiffs.		Small Cause Court Judges.	
		Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.
		Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Backergunge	...	...	0 8 0	0 4 15	0 2 5	0 4 11	0 2 12	0 1 0	0 0 26
Beerbhoom	O.	0 2 6	0 1 16	0 2 3	0 1 12	0 2 3	0 0 28	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 29	0 0 18	...	...
Bhaugulpore ...	...	0 4 10	0 7 4	0 4 5	0 2 5	0 1 20	0 0 28	..	..
Burdwan, East ...	O.	0 4 4	0 1 28	0 2 27	0 2 1	0 2 19	0 1 12	0 0 17	0 0 18
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 0	0 0 28	...	...
Burdwan, West ...	O.	1 0 14	0 2 17	...	...	0 2 16	0 1 15	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 29	0 0 20	...	...
Chittagong	O.	0 3 7	...	0 5 26	0 1 12	0 2 14	0 1 4	...	...
	S.	...	..	...	..	0 0 29	0 0 22	...	...
Cuttack	O.	1 1 6	0 11 7	1 0 9	0 2 9	0 4 0	0 1 26	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 27	0 0 25	0 0 23	0 0 22
Dacca	O.	0 4 4	0 3 24	0 7 22	0 3 28	0 3 11	0 1 10	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 11	0 1 0	0 1 14	0 0 27
Dinagepore	...	...	...	0 5 17	0 1 16	0 2 19	0 1 7	0 1 9	0 1 2
Furreedpore	O.	0 3 25	0 2 20	0 4 2	0 2 23	0 3 2	0 1 9	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 27	0 0 17	0 1 1	0 1 2
Gya	O.	3 7 13	...	0 5 3	0 3 11	0 2 11	0 1 8	...	...
	S.	..	...	...	...	0 1 0	0 0 20	...	...
Hooghly	...	0 9 18	...	0 4 25	0 1 21	0 2 8	0 1 8	0 1 3	0 0 20
Jessore	O.	0 5 13	...	0 5 12	0 1 22	0 1 23	0 1 3	..	...
	S.	..	...	...	...	0 0 22	0 0 14	0 0 24	0 0 16
Midnapore	O.	0 2 20	0 3 8	0 8 15	0 2 20	0 3 28	0 1 26	0 1 9	0 1 6
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 6	0 0 24	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	O.	0 11 10	0 4 10	0 3 17	0 2 7	0 2 6	0 0 27	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 26	0 0 24	0 0 17	0 0 22
Mymensing	O.	0 2 22	0 9 15	0 9 16	0 2 22	0 2 27	0 1 11	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 27	0 0 19	...	...
Noakhally	O.	0 2 24	0 1 26	0 3 0	0 2 5	0 2 19	0 1 27	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 20	0 0 18	...	...
Nuddea	O.	0 7 5	0 4 19	0 7 23	0 3 27	0 3 11	0 1 14	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 21	0 0 17	0 0 23	0 0 21
Patna	...	0 7 17	...	0 8 23	0 5 27	0 4 9	0 2 17	0 0 29	0 0 18
Pubna and Bogra ...	O.	0 4 2	0 4 14	0 3 24	0 1 25	0 3 12	0 1 21	...	..
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 7	0 0 29	0 0 20	0 0 19
Purneah	O.	0 2 16	...	0 3 2	0 1 17	0 3 0	0 1 21	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 0 20	0 0 18	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	O.	0 2 16	0 4 17	0 5 5	0 2 24	0 2 10	0 1 4	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 23	0 0 28	0 0 23	0 0 23
Rungpore	O.	0 2 13	0 4 21	0 11 14	0 1 23	0 3 22	0 1 3	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 6	0 1 0	...	...
Sarun	O.	...	...	1 0 7	0 3 9	0 3 21	0 1 23	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 6	0 1 0	...	...
Shahabad	...	...	...	0 3 22	0 1 11	0 2 13	0 1 16	...	...
Tipperah	O.	0 4 21	...	0 6 0	0 2 13	0 3 2	0 1 14	...	..
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 12	0 0 6	...	...
Tirhoot	...	...	...	0 4 25	0 3 2	0 4 4	0 2 2	...	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	O.	0 2 28	0 2 28	0 5 5	0 2 22	0 2 23	0 1 22	0 1 4	0 0 21
	S.	...	..	...	..	0 0 27	0 0 25	...	...
Chota Nagpore ...	...	0 9 8	...	0 7 8	0 3 5	0 1 26	0 1 4	...	...
General average ...	O.	0 6 16	0 2 25	0 6 12	0 2 20	0 2 27	0 1 14	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 0 20	0 0 18	0 1 0	0 0 25	0 0 28	0 0 21

* O. indicates suits disposed of under the procedure generally applicable in the regular Civil Courts ; S., those disposed of under small Cause Court Procedure.

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TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CHARGES OF CIVIL COURTS, 1879.

DISTRICT.	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.	Deficit.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	3,25,715	1,05,225	2,20,490	.....
Beerbhoom	83,577	74,306	9,271	.....
Bhaugulpore	2,97,273	1,03,498	1,93,775	.....
Burdwan, East	2,18,167	1,13,260	1,04,907	.....
Burdwan, West	79,646	51,657	27,989	.....
Chittagong	2,07,579	1,05,332	1,02,247	.....
Cuttack	1,45,502	78,793	66,709	.....
Dacca	3,02,999	1,24,308	1,78,691	.....
Dinagepore	1,20,719	90,552	30,167	.....
Furreedpore	1,85,943	82,369	1,03,574	.. ...
Gya	1,23,241	66,698	56,543	.....
Hooghly	2,60,116	1,25,108	1,35,008	.....
Jessore	4,17,123	1,56,524	2,60,599	.....
Midnapore	2,79,997	1,10,257	1,69,740	.....
Moorshedabad...	1,62,731	97,941	64,790	.....
Mymensingh	3,03,884	1,35,320	1,68,564	.....
Noakhally	1,71,044	70,667	1,00,377	.....
Nuddea	2,67,067	1,16,685	1,50,382	.....
Patna	1,76,098	93,242	82,856	.....
Pubna and Bogra	1,37,953	69,407	68,546	.....
Purneah	1,05,002	68,928	36,074	.....
Rajshahye	1,32,699	69,797	62,902	.....
Rungpore	2,12,888	1,11,231	1,01,657	.....
Sarun	1,54,604	77,098	77,506	.....
Shahabad	1,55,555	77,744	77,811	.....
Tipperah	2,45,768	1,44,764	1,01,004	.....
Tirhoot	2,97,801	1,06,662	1,91,139	.....
24-Pergunnahs...	4,24,859	1,94,426	2,30,433	.....
Chota Nagpore	1,22,698	1,11,683	11,015	.....
Total ..	61,18,248	29,33,462	31,84,766	.....
Calcutta	10,19,608	11,88,917	.....	1,39,309
GRAND TOTAL ...	71,67,856	41,22,399	30,45,457	.....

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DETAILS OF THE RECEIPTS AND CHARGES OF THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF CIVIL COURTS.

DISTRICT.	RECEIPTS.				TOTAL.	CHARGES.				TOTAL.
	IN COURT-FEE STAMPS.		IN CASH.			Share of officers' salary debitable to Civil Justice.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		Contingencies and refunds.	
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Other receipts credited to Government.			Process servers.	Others.		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	81,581	2,36,299	247	7,588	3,25,715	45,076	23,074	28,345	8,730	1,05,225
Beerbhoom	27,430	52,331	343	3,473	83,577	40,602	17,809	14,539	1,356	74,306
Bhaugulpore	56,073	2,29,896	570	10,734	2,97,273	51,022	23,361	24,893	4,222	1,03,498
Burdwan, East	65,999	1,42,193	1,369	8,606	2,18,167	63,495	21,870	23,768	4,127	1,13,260
Burdwan, West	22,691	52,986	163	3,806	79,646	24,981	11,854	13,043	1,779	51,657
Chittagong	60,820	1,33,492	421	12,846	2,07,579	44,560	27,660	26,261	6,851	1,05,332
Cuttack	28,684	1,13,225	321	3,272	1,45,502	43,111	13,018	20,228	2,436	78,793
Dacca	78,455	2,14,843	197	9,504	3,02,999	60,982	25,207	30,651	7,468	1,24,308
Dinagepore	30,636	83,929	990	5,164	1,20,719	52,436	14,727	18,387	5,002	90,552
Furreedpore	52,840	1,26,734	522	5,847	1,85,943	37,621	19,630	21,576	3,542	82,369
Gya	24,189	94,100	410	4,542	1,23,241	32,702	14,249	16,763	2,984	66,698
Hooghly	66,135	1,84,527	254	9,200	2,60,116	69,810	21,017	29,869	4,412	1,25,108
Jessore	1,19,150	2,87,346	167	10,460	4,17,123	76,755	36,003	37,427	6,339	1,56,524
Midnapore	61,979	1,99,787	214	18,017	2,79,997	57,302	24,786	23,613	4,556	1,10,257
Moorshedabad	44,893	1,06,694	290	8,854	1,62,731	49,562	20,846	23,773	3,760	97,941
Mymensingh	95,498	1,93,132	968	14,286	3,03,884	65,304	33,902	29,761	6,353	1,35,320
Noakhally	50,631	1,14,243	600	5,570	1,71,044	36,583	15,527	15,348	3,209	70,667
Nuddea	80,356	1,78,056	209	8,446	2,67,067	52,553	22,719	36,562	4,851	1,16,685
Patna	31,696	1,37,476	205	6,721	1,76,098	53,455	14,963	22,464	2,360	93,242
Pubna and Bogra	37,408	96,681	443	3,421	1,37,953	36,600	12,997	15,220	4,590	69,407
Purneah	23,334	77,376	276	4,016	1,05,002	37,204	11,656	18,086	1,982	68,928
Rajshahye	30,945	91,213	202	10,339	1,32,699	37,105	11,801	17,131	3,760	69,797
Rungpore	54,983	1,50,893	192	6,820	2,12,888	55,917	23,610	26,526	5,178	1,11,231
Sarun	26,027	1,22,010	640	5,927	1,54,604	40,185	15,591	18,929	2,393	77,098
Shahabad	34,960	1,14,998	493	5,104	1,55,555	42,063	14,989	18,528	2,164	77,744
Tipperah	74,943	1,59,200	256	11,369	2,45,768	73,934	30,606	33,712	6,512	1,44,764
Tirhoot	53,724	2,33,514	340	10,223	2,97,801	60,292	20,870	23,930	1,570	1,06,662
24-Pergunnahs	94,255	3,13,593	1,758	15,253	4,24,859	1,11,374	28,950	45,680	8,422	1,94,426
Chota Nagpore	28,611	89,659	597	3,831	1,22,698	60,712	17,018	30,817	3,136	1,11,683
TOTAL FOR COURTS IN INTERIOR. Small Cause Court	1,46,924	3,41,188	231	2,630	4,90,973	1,09,220	34,294	57,715	10,439	2,11,668
Moonsiffs	11,53,523	25,09,584	9,142	1,21,275	37,93,524	6,65,222	3,99,704	2,87,035	52,219	14,04,180
Subordinate Judges	1,56,387	9,65,435	2,945	32,604	11,57,371	2,75,577	64,446	87,798	8,919	4,36,740
Judges and Additional Judges	82,092	5,16,219	1,339	76,730	6,76,380	4,63,279	91,866	2,73,282	52,467	8,80,894
Total	15,38,926	43,32,426	13,657	2,33,239	61,18,248	15,13,298	5,90,310	7,05,830	1,24,044	29,33,482
TOTAL FOR COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY. Presidency Small Cause Court	2,79,654	...	30	3,284	2,82,968	77,037	6,043	77,602	48,667	2,09,349
HIGH COURT Appellate Side	12,758	2,06,317	...	18,380	2,37,455	4,11,000	...	2,24,098	54,984	6,90,082
HIGH COURT Original Side	...	4,76,018	85	53,082	5,29,185	1,11,000	...	1,66,091	12,395	2,89,486
Total	2,92,412	6,82,335	115	74,746	10,49,608	5,99,037	6,043	4,67,791	1,16,046	11,88,917
GRAND TOTAL	18,31,338	50,14,761	13,772	3,07,985	71,67,856	21,12,335	5,96,353	11,73,621	2,40,090	41,22,399

T.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PROBATES, LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, AND CERTIFICATES, UNDER ACT XXVII OF 1860, GRANTED IN BENGAL DURING THE YEAR 1879, AND THE AMOUNT OF DUTY REALIZED THEREON.

Scale of Values.	Court.	Number of Probates or Letters of Administration with Will annexed.	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Letters of Administration (as in the case of intestacy).	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860.	Amount of Court-fees paid.
			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Not exceeding 1,000 ...	High Court ...	6	...	2	...	...	...
	District Court	223	24	12	...	1,290	20
Above 1,000 up to 5,000 ...	High Court ...	60	3,102	76	3,569	...	...
	District Court	94	4,509	2	104	249	11,723
Above 5,000 up to 10,000...	High Court ..	26	2,733	24	3,495	...	...
	District Court	19	2,858	3	524	34	4,850
Above 10,000 up to 50,000	High Court ...	53	21,330	35	16,586	...	...
	District Court	49	22,634	1	542	31	14,336
Above 50,000 up to 1,00,000	High Court ...	19	24,352	5	6,044	...	...
	District Court	2	2,366	...	...	1	1,440
Above 1,00,000 ...	High Court ...	17	1,56,282	4	53,297	...	...
	District Court	8	33,783	...	...	1	2,156
Total ...	High Court ...	181	2,07,799	146	82,991	...	...
	District Court	395	66,174	18	1,170	1,606	34,525
Total Dutiable ...	All Courts	347	2,73,949	14	84,161	316	34,505
Total Not Dutiable		229	24	150	...	1,290	20
GRAND TOTAL ...	...	576	2,73,973	164	84,161	1,606	34,523

U.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF AMEENS, 1879-80.

DISTRICTS.	PERMANENT AMEENS.		TEMPORARY AMEENS.		FEES PAID FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF MOONSIFFS AS COMMISSIONERS.	NUMBER OF PERMANENT AMEENS WITH GRADES.	
	RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.	RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.			
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	1st G.	2nd G.
BACKERGUNGE ...	2,749	1,829	...	...	...	...	...
BEERBHOOM ...	291	600	...	...	...	...	1
BHAUGULPORE ...	1,356	1,320	...	...	...	1	1
BURDWAN, EAST ...	504	600	...	...	...	...	1
BURDWAN, WEST ...	643	452	...	...	...	...	1
CHITTAGONG ...	1,972	1,421	...	...	...	1	1
CUTTACK ...	1,963	1,435	...	...	10	1	1
DACCA ...	1,989	1,446	...	...	20	1	1
DINAGEPORE ...	933	600	12	...	...	...	1
FURREEDPORE ...	1,575	840	...	...	10	1	...
GYA ...	691	600	...	...	...	...	1
HOOGHLY ...	747	600	...	...	10	...	1
JESSORE ...	1,825	1,440	...	...	...	1	1
MIDNAPORE ...	1,428	1,193	...	...	...	1	1
MOORSHEDABAD ...	604	840	...	...	...	1	...
MYMENSINGH ...	3,630	2,040	...	...	50	1	2
NOAKHALLY ...	632	600	...	...	...	...	1
NUDDEA ...	621	600	...	...	40	...	1
PATNA ...	888	600	...	...	...	...	1
PUBNA AND BOGRA ...	828	840	63	143	10	1	...
PURNEAH ...	852	600	...	..	10	..	1
RAJSHAHYE ...	1,299	1,250	...	...	10	...	2
RUNGPORE ...	3,119	2,620	20	...	24	1	3
SARUN ...	928	840	...	...	...	1	...
SHAHABAD ...	843	1,233	...	...	...	...	2
TIPPERAH ...	813	775	...	...	...	...	1
TIRHOOT ...	2,227	2,400	...	...	60	...	4
24-PERGUNNAHS ...	1,104	824	1,023	848	...	1	...
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	1,046	1,800	75	63	...	...	3
Add 10 per cent. on account of Pensions ...	...	3,224	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	**38,100**	**35,462**	**1,193**	**1,054**	**254**	**13**	**35**

V.

STATISTICS OF LOCAL ENQUIRIES, 1879.

BENGAL.

Scale of Value.	No.	Aggregate Value.	Average Value.	Aggregate cost of local enquiry only.	Average cost of local enquiry.	Average time occupied in enquiry.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Days.
Cases not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	79	273	3	923	11	3
Ditto „ 20 ...	268	3,739	14	4,405	16	4
Ditto „ 50 ...	325	11,927	36	5,238	16	4
Ditto „ 100 ...	331	24,867	75	5,107	15	4
Ditto „ 500 ...	410	95,789	233	10,028	24	6
Ditto „ 1,000 ...	113	84,948	751	3,994	35	8
Cases exceeding „ 1,000 ...	186	9,00,212	4,840	13,327	71	18
Total ...	**1,712**	**11,21,755**	**413-6**	**43,022**	**15-8**	

W.

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR A DECLARATION OF INSOLVENCY INSTITUTED, DISPOSED OF, AND PENDING IN THE PAST AS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Backergunge	10	10	8	11	2	1
Beerbhoom	4	2	5	2	...	...
Bhaugulpore	5	4	5	4	...	...
Burdwan, East	10	8	10	8	...	...
Burdwan, West	4	4	2	5	2	1
Chittagong	13	8	11	5	2	5
Cuttack	3	7	1	8	2	1
Dacca	26	17	26	15	1	3
Dinagepore	5	7	5	7	...	...
Furreedpore	2	1	1	2	1	...
Gya	11	...	11	...	...	...
Hooghly	14	13	13	10	1	4
Jessore	3	4	4	4	...	...
Midnapore	7	13	7	7	...	6
Moorshedabad	4	9	5	9	1	1
Mymensingh	4	2	3	1	...	1
Noakhally	8	8	8	8	...	...
Nuddea	6	3	6	2	...	1
Patna	4	11	3	8	2	5
Pubna and Bogra	...	1	...	....	...	1
Purneah	2	2	2	1	...	1
Rajshahye	4	2	4	1	...	1
Rungpore	8	8	8	8	...	...
Sarun	4	4	4	2	...	2
Shahabad	5	3	5	3	...	...
Tipperah	14	13	16	11	...	2
Tirhoot	6	6	3	8	3	1
24-Pergunnahs	34	14	27	11	1	4
Chota Nagpore	4	2	1	4	3	1
Total ...	224	186	204	165	21	42

W1.

NUMBER OF PERSONS DECLARED TO BE INSOLVENT, AND OF THOSE WHO OBTAINED THEIR DISCHARGE DURING THE PAST AS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

DISTRICTS.	Declared to be Insolvent.		Discharged.		Pending.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Backergunge	2	2	2	2	...	...
Beerbhoom	2	...	2	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore	1	3	1	3	...	...
Burdwan, East	4	1	3	1	...	...
Burdwan, West	...	2	...	2	...	...
Chittagong	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack...	...	1	...	1	...	...
Dacca	18	5	16	5	...	...
Dinagepore	4	1	4	1	...	...
Furreedpore	...	1	...	1	...	...
Gya	7	...	1	...	...	...
Hooghly...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Jessore	2	2	2	2	...	...
Midnapore	1	1	1	1	...	...
Moorshedabad	2	2	2	2	...	...
Mymensing	3	...	3	...	...	...
Noakhally	3	2	3	2	...	...
Nuddea	2	...	2	...	...	...
Patna	...	1	...	1	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore	1	3	1	3	..	...
Sarun	...	1	...	1	...	...
Shahabad	2	1	2	1	...	...
Tipperah	5	4	5	4	...	...
Tirhoot	1	2	1	2	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	10	4	10	4	...	...
Chota Nagpore	...	2	...	4	3	1
Total ...	71	41	62	43	3	1

W2.

REALIZATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS BY RECEIVERS APPOINTED UNDER SECTION 351 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Districts.	Realized.		Disbursed.		Balance.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan, East	7	...	3	...	4	...
Burdwan, West	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	107	...	...	...	107	107
Dinagepore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furreedpore	...	31	...	...	...	31
Gya	46	...	30	...	16	...
Hooghly	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jessore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noakhally	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot	...	...	...	...	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	160	31	33	...	127	138

X.

BUSINESS DISPOSED OF IN THE HIGH COURT IN 1879.

(APPELLATE JURISDICTION.)

LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL, ASSAM, AND BRITISH BURMAH.

Nature of Appeals.			Remaining at the close of 1878.	Brought before the Court in 1879.	Disposed of in 1879.	Remaining at the close of 1879.
CIVIL.			*A.*	*B.*	*C.*	*D.*
First Appeals ...	From Original Decrees	of the Courts in the interior ...	418	366	289	495
		of the High Court	15	52	42	25
	From Original Orders	of the Courts in the interior ...	125	197	206	116
		of the High Court... ...	...	...	...	...
Second Appeals	From Appellate Decrees	of the High Court... ...	1	...	1	...
		of the Courts in the interior ...	1,974	3,012	1,941	3,045
	From Appellate Orders	of the High Court... ...	...	...	...	...
		of the Courts in the interior ...	56	104	100	60
Third Appeals...	From Appellate Decrees in the High Court	of two Judges hearing Second Appeals	1	...	1	...
		of one Judge hearing Second Appeals	9	36	29	16
References to a Full Bench	In First Appeals	from Original Decrees ...	1	1	1	1
		from Original Orders ...	...	...	...	...
	In Second Appeals	from Appellate Decrees ...	1	3	3	1
		from Appellate Orders ...	...	...	...	...
Applications for Review	In First Appeals	from Original Decrees ...	...	7	7	...
		from Original Orders ...	...	2	2	...
	In Second Appeals	from Appellate Decrees ...	...	28	28	...
		from Appellate Orders ...	...	8	8	...
References ...	Under Section 617, Act X of 1877		1	23	21	3
	Under Section 46, Act I of 1879 (Stamp Act) ...		...	1	1	...
	Under Section 16, Act XX of 1865		...	6	6	...
Divorce cases			...	2	1	1
Miscellaneous Orders in Court			266	1,882	1,962	186
Total			2,868	5,730	4,649	3,949
CRIMINAL.						
Criminal Cases	Appeals		34	802	743	93
	References under	Section 186, Act X of 1872 ...	...	1	1	...
		Section 263, Act X of 1872 ...	2	18	15	5
		Section 287, Act X of 1872 ...	6	61	60	7
	Revisions		...		...	...
	Full Bench References		2	1	2	1
	Miscellaneous Orders in Court		...	26	25	1
Total			68	1,384	1,318	134
GRAND TOTAL			2,936	7,114	5,967	4,083

A. Of these 16 are Will cases.

B. Of these 34 are Will cases.

C. Of these 7 are Will cases.

D. Of these 43 are Will cases.

Days of sittings with number of Judges.

Days.	Barrister Judges.	Civilian Judges.	Other Judges.
1	5	6	1
1	4	6	1
40	3	6	1
11	3	5	1
9	3	4	1
11	2	6	1
12	2	6	...
36	2	5	1
2	2	5	...
5	2	4	1
1	2	4	...
4	2	3	1
1	2	2	...
9	1	6	1
8	1	6	...
10	1	5	1
242 3	1	5	...
18	1	4	1
2	1	4	...
1	1	3	1
1	1	3	...
2	1	2	1
1	1	2	...
29	1	1	...
2	1	..	1
1	1	...	...
10	...	5	1
1	...	5	...
1	...	3	...
6	...	2	...
2	...	1	1
1	...	1	...

Note.--Besides the above, 362 orders were passed out of Court on review of periodical returns (Civil and Criminal) and Sessions statements. Numerous and important orders occupying much of the time of the Judges were also passed on letters and references in the Administrative Department.

Y.

APPEALS, &c., INSTITUTED IN THE HIGH COURT IN THE YEAR 1879.

(SHOWING DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS.)

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	INSTITUTED IN 1879.					
		APPEALS FROM DECREES.				APPEALS FROM ORDER.	
		FIRST APPEALS.		SECOND APPEALS.			
		Rs. 10,000 and upwards.	Below Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 50 in value.	Not exceeding Rs. 50 in value.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.
CENTRAL DIVISION—							
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs	3	20	161	60	12	3
	Nuddea	5	17	52	19	5	2
	Jessore	1	11	91	80	3	4
	Moorshedabad	...	5	20	15	3	3
	Calcutta	...	...	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL ...	9	53	324	174	23	12
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East	1	9	88	37	9	1
	Burdwan, West	...	1	7	9	...	3
	Beerbhoom	...	4	27	14	1	2
	Midnapore	1	4	51	37	6	4
	Hooghly	5	21	66	22	7	...
	TOTAL ...	7	39	239	119	23	10
BRITISH BURMAH (RECORDER) ...	Rangoon	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Moulmein	...	1	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL ...	...	1	...	...	...	...
WESTERN DIVISION—							
PATNA ...	Patna	3	30	179	82	16	10
	Gya	7	9	75	9	8	10
	Shahabad	2	11	77	82	6	...
	Sarun	2	5	99	104	5	1
	Tirhoot	4	35	71	199	12	4
	TOTAL ...	18	90	501	476	47	25
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore	5	20	134	134	23	11
	Sonthal Pergunnahs ...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Purneah	1	2	22	13	2	...
	TOTAL ...	7	23	156	147	25	11
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Chota Nagpore	1	7	44	30	2	3
CUTTACK ...	Cuttack	...	4	20	20	2	...
	TOTAL ...	1	11	64	50	4	3
EASTERN DIVISION—							
DACCA ...	Dacca	3	8	28	34	6	3
	Furreedpore	2	5	34	14	5	3
	Backergunge	1	5	21	17	9	1
	Mymensingh	2	5	63	35	4	1
	Tipperah	3	1	52	51	4	6
	Noakhally	...	8	15	3	10	9
	TOTAL ...	11	32	213	154	38	23
RAJSHAHYE ...	Dinagepore	2	3	14	4	3	1
	Rajshahye	2	13	50	2	9	7
	Rungpore	4	7	48	61	7	2
	Cooch Behar	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pubna, Bograh	...	1	4	6	...	1
	TOTAL ...	8	27	116	73	19	11
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong	2	5	48	41	9	4
	GRAND TOTAL FOR LOWER PROVINCES ...	63	281	1,661	1,234	188	99
ASSAM ...	Assam Valley Districts ...	1	1	21	11	2	...
	Sylhet	1	1	29	43	5	3
	Cachar	...	2	2	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL FOR ASSAM ...	2	4	52	54	7	3

Z.

RESULT OF APPEALS IN THE HIGH COURT DURING THE YEAR 1879.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	Otherwise Disposed of.			Total.
						Dismissed in default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.	
LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL.									
Appeals from Original Decrees ...	District Judges ...	46	15	5	4	7	2	4	83
	Subordinate Judges ...	104	40	14	6	15	6	17	202
Appeals from Appellate Decrees ...	District Judges ...	617	88	29	115	24	2	6	881
	Subordinate Judges ...	767	56	19	99	16	4	5	966
Appeals from Orders	District Judges ...	114	43	7	14	7	4	...	189
	Subordinate Judges ...	62	25	8	3	7	3	1	109
ASSAM.									
Appeals from Original Decrees ...	District Judges ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Subordinate Judges ...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Appeals from Appellate Decrees ...	District Judges ...	28	2	2	1	3	...	...	36
	Subordinate Judges ...	50	2	1	3	2	...	...	58
Appeals from Orders	District Judges ...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	4
	Subordinate Judges ...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	4

ANNUAL STATEMENTS (CIVIL.)

Annual Statement—1—(Civil).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising jurisdiction in Civil Cases in the last year, the work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Courts during the year 1880.

DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population.	Number of District Judgeships.	Number of Munsifees.	TOTAL NUMBER OF CIVIL JUDICIAL OFFICERS.							NUMBER OF CIVIL CASES ORIGINALLY DECIDED.						Total number of Miscellaneous Cases decided.	NUMBER OF CIVIL APPEALS DECIDED.				Total number of Miscellaneous Appeals decided.	Total Receipts of the Civil Courts.	Total Charges of the Civil Courts.
					Judges of the High Court.	District and Additional Judges.	Small Cause Court Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsifs.	By the High Court.	By District and Additional Judges.	By Small Cause Court Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	By Munsifs.	Total.		By the High Court.	By District and Additional Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	Total.			
							Small Cause Court Judges only.	Ditto with powers of Subordinate Judge.	Subordinate Judges with powers of Small Cause Court Judges.	Subordinate Judges only.														Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge ...	3,648	1,887,586	1	4	...	1	...	1	...	1	9	...	1	2,356	245	16,876	19,478	1,940	...	90	389	479	58	3,25,715	1,05,225
Beerbhoom ...	1,756	853,785	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	20	...	48	4,225	4,293	582	...	224	120	344	31	83,577	74,306
Bhaugulpore ...	8,190	3,640,022	1	6	...	1	...	1	...	1	6	...	5	4,092	329	9,146	13,572	1,248	...	394	780	1,174	66	2,97,273	1,03,498
Burdwan, East...	2,694	1,483,850	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	1	8	...	22	...	183	13,844	14,049	1,846	...	257	429	686	57	2,18,167	1,13,260
Burdwan, West	2,621	968,597	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	14	...	...	4,451	4,465	384	...	42	...	42	22	79,646	51,657
Chittagong ...	2,322	1,127,402	1	9	...	1	...	...	...	1	11	...	9	...	50	14,383	14,442	1,629	...	127	727	854	141	2,07,579	1,05,332
Cuttack ...	8,056	3,034,690	1	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	4	...	2	5,020	96	6,053	11,171	615	...	309	1	310	12	1,45,502	78,793
Dacca ...	2,796	1,870,256	1	4	...	1	1	...	...	2	9	...	16	5,577	214	15,884	21,691	1,559	...	124	636	760	50	3,02,999	1,24,308
Dinagepore ...	5,351	1,596,636	1	7	...	1	...	...	1	1	7	...	...	1,017	646	6,962	8,625	547	...	175	124	299	19	1,20,729	90,552
Furreedpore ...	2,267	1,502,436	1	5	...	1	...	1	...	...	8	...	8	963	67	13,645	14,683	1,060	...	236	222	458	35	1,85,943	82,369
Gya ...	4,712	1,947,824	1	2	...	1	..	...	...	1	3	...	7	...	215	2,153	2,375	637	...	145	255	400	63	1,23,241	66,698
Hooghly ...	1,700	1,753,250	1	6	...	1	...	1	...	1	10	...	10	4,993	195	10,818	16,016	2,317	...	116	701	817	23	2,60,116	1,25,108
Jessore ...	3,658	2,075,021	1	6	...	1	1	1	...	1	10	...	6	14,725	113	20,915	35,759	3,918	...	574	533	1,107	72	4,17,123	1,56,524
Midnapore ...	5,082	2,545,179	1	6	...	1	...	1	...	...	9	...	8	858	173	16,618	17,657	2,257	...	258	536	794	71	2,79,997	1,10,257
Moorshedabad...	2,140	1,214,104	1	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	5	...	3	206	120	11,206	11,535	793	...	147	100	247	20	1,62,731	97,941

Mymensingh ...	6,304	2,349,917	1	10	...	1	...	...	...	1	13	...	6	...	171	17,281	17,458	1,442	...	56	922	978	45	3,03,884	1,35,320
Noakhally ...	1,641	840,376	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	1	6	...	46	...	10	12,828	12,884	1,182	...	247	73	320	33	1,71,044	70,667
Nuddea ...	3,421	1,812,795	1	6	...	1	2	...	...	1	8	...	7	11,798	123	9,262	21,190	1,932	...	196	446	642	33	2,67,067	1,16,685
Patna ...	2,078	1,559,638	1	2	...	1	...	1	...	1	4	...	1	1,597	332	2,966	4,896	1,211	...	459	502	1,253	117	1,76,098	93,242
Pubna ...	3,344	1,901,061	1	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	5	...	18	1,621	66	6,435	8,140	591	...	201	164	365	31	1,37,953	69,407
Purneah ...	4,957	1,714,795	1	4	...	1	...	...	1	...	5	...	1	...	827	7,752	8,580	683	...	420	...	420	41	1,05,002	68,928
Rajshahye ...	4,218	1,989,262	1	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	4	...	3	624	106	5,533	6,266	603	...	190	4	203	18	1,32,699	69,797
Rungpore ...	6,399	2,572,351	1	6	...	1	...	...	...	1	11	...	7	...	123	15,621	15,751	890	...	342	270	612	32	2,12,888	1,11,231
Sarun ...	6,155	3,508,152	1	4	...	1	...	..	...	2	4	...	...	...	223	4,352	4,575	1,033	...	6	1,231	1,237	45	1,54,604	77,098
Shahabad ...	4,385	1,723,974	1	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	170	5,752	5,922	885	...	486	360	846	34	1,55,555	77,744
Tipperah ...	2,475	1,407,489	1	6	...	1	...	...	...	2	12	...	3	...	110	17,843	17,956	1,330	...	208	806	1,014	78	2,45,768	1,44,764
Tirhoot ...	6,339	4,384,706	1	6	...	1	...	...	...	2	7	...	...	...	366	6,801	7,167	1,311	...	876	509	1,385	46	2,97,801	1,06,662
24-Pergunnahs	2,788	2,210,047	1	7	...	2	1	...	...	2	4	...	15	6,052	268	21,833	28,168	2,855	...	963	267	1,230	59	4,24,859	1,94,426
Chota Nagpore	27,109	3,146,955	1	10	...	1	...	...	...	6	9	...	1	...	194	4,338	4,533	644	...	251	211	462	66	1,22,698	1,11,683
Total ...	138,606	58,622,106	29	154	...	30	5	11	2	31	214	...	239	61,499	5,783	305,776	373,297	37,924	...	8,168	11,318	19,486	1,418	61,18,248	29,33,462
Calcutta ...	8	429,535	...	...	12	...	5	...	...	...	...	855	...	37,051	...	...	37,906	...	2,205	...	...	2,205	298	10,49,608	11,88,917
Grand Total	138,614	59,051,641	29	154	12	30	10	11	2	31	214	855	239	98,550	5,783	305,776	411,203	37,924	2,205	8,168	11,318	21,691	1,716	71,67,856	41,22,399

Annual Statement—2—(Civil).

Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1879.

Suits for money or movable property.

Class of Tribunals.	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work, and materials.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Movable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Other suits for money or movables not already mentioned.	Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.											
I.—Civil Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Subordinate Tribunals. Under Ordinary Procedure ...	77,376	5,569	4,411	2,150	2,437	757	876	4,599	3,075	1,073	102,323
Paid Subordinate Tribunals. Under Small Cause Court powers ...	20,316	3,163	2,707	1,108	1,754	589	1,368	2,001	1,076	494	34,575
Small Cause Courts. As Small Cause Court Judges ...	32,567	6,668	2,620	1,556	7,834	1,108	3,204	761	2,575	1,447	60,340
Small Cause Courts. Under powers of Subordinate Judge...	261	12	23	13	7	1	11	9	14	2	353
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. Under Ordinary Procedure ...	1,030	46	79	56	8	5	26	37	59	18	1,364
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. Under Small Cause Court powers ...	622	41	...	...	...	15	1	46	9	9	743
Chief Courts of Districts ...	44	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	48
Total ...	132,216	15,498	9,842	4,884	12,040	2,475	5,486	7,453	6,809	3,043	199,746
II.—Revenue Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts:—Collectors ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior...	132,216	15,498	9,842	4,884	12,040	2,475	5,486	7,453	6,809	3,043	199,746
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.											
Presidency Small Cause Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of general jurisdiction...	3	...	115	353	59	16	4	15	27	1	593
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction. Admiralty ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction. Testamentary ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction. Matrimonial ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3	...	115	353	59	16	4	15	27	1	593

Suits under the Rent Law.

Class of Tribunals.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts, or on account of illegal restraint, or other cause.	For pottahs or kabulyuts.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.									
I.—Civil Courts.									
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Subordinate Tribunals. Under Ordinary Procedure ...	124,850	1,831	362	249	95	1,222	884	1,298	130,791
Paid Subordinate Tribunals. Under Small Cause Court powers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts. As Small Cause Court Judges ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts. Under powers of Subordinate Judge...	133	3	...	1	...	...	9	1	147
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. Under Ordinary Procedure ...	430	1	1	1	1	2	36	16	488
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. Under Small Cause Court powers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts ...	23	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	26
Total ...	125,436	1,836	363	251	96	1,224	929	1,317	131,452
II.—Revenue Courts.									
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts...	3,782	23	424	76	58	238	21	22	4,644
District Courts:—Collectors ...	4,359	65	103	37	43	99	6	49	4,761
Total ...	8,141	88	527	113	101	337	27	71	9,405
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior...	133,577	1,924	890	364	197	1,561	956	1,388	140,857
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.									
Presidency Small Cause Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of general jurisdiction...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction. Admiralty ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction. Testamentary ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction. Matrimonial ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Title and other Suits.

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts, or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	Grand Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				
I.—Civil Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Subordinate Tribunals. Under Ordinary Procedure ...	24,240	1,132	4,859	7,343	846	529	27	560	20	371	526	1	16	...	46	17	...	509	41,042	274,156
Paid Subordinate Tribunals. Under Small Cause Court powers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34,575
Small Cause Courts. As Small Cause Court Judges ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60,340
Small Cause Courts. Under powers of Subordinate Judge...	332	13	5	252	6	9	1	6	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	8	635	1,135
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. Under Ordinary Procedure ...	1,026	53	16	465	36	37	6	24	...	5	26	...	...	...	...	1	...	39	1,734	3,586
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. Under Small Cause Court powers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	743
Chief Courts of Districts ...	17	3	3	22	5	8	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	107	2	174	248
Total ...	25,615	1,201	4,883	8,082	893	583	37	590	23	376	554	1	16	1	47	18	107	558	43,585	374,783
II.—Revenue Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,644
District Courts:—Collectors ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,761
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,405
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior...	25,615	1,201	4,883	8,082	893	583	37	590	23	376	554	1	16	1	47	18	107	558	43,585	384,188
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																				
Presidency Small Cause Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of general jurisdiction...	12	6	...	11	22	54	...	4	...	1	19	...	...	37	...	9	21	9	206	799
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction. Admiralty ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction. Testamentary ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	5	5
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction. Matrimonial ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7
Total ...	12	6	...	11	22	54		4	7	1	19	4	...	37	...	9	27	9	222	815

Annual Statement—3—(Civil).

Statement showing number and value of Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1879.

Class of Courts.	Number of Suits instituted in the different Courts.																			Total value of Suits.
	Value not exceeding Rs. 10.			Value not exceeding Rs. 50.			Value not exceeding Rs. 100.			Value not exceeding Rs. 500.			Value not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Value not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Value not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Value not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Value exceeding 1,00,000.	The value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total.	
	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.								
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				
I.—Civil Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals ... Under Ordinary Procedure	7,211	44,562	5,274	45,779	58,899	16,578	26,619	15,205	8,179	20,379	10,640	8,975	5,395	...	...	...	...	461	274,156	1,86,42,815
Under Small Cause Court powers	6,066	...	...	28,509	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34,575	8,45,482
Small Cause Courts As Small Cause Court Judges	10,949	...	...	28,936	...	...	12,397	...	...	8,058	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60,340	32,17,080
Under powers of Subordinate Judge ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	924	134	74	2	1	1,135	49,23,101
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ... Under Ordinary Procedure	1	...	...	16	...	9	9	...	4	11	...	11	5	2,808	410	258	16	28	3,586	1,76,34,676
Under Small Cause Court powers	73	...	...	670	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	743	18,815
Chief Courts of Districts	.	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	2	...	40	29	118	19	10	3	22	248	14,23,760
Total ...	24,300	44,562	5,274	103,910	58,899	16,591	39,025	15,205	8,184	28,450	10,640	9,026	5,429	3,850	563	342	21	512	374,783	4,67,05,729
II.—Revenue Courts.																				
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	1,863	...	...	2,128	...	...	381	...	...	240	...	20	7	...	...	...	5	4,644	1,53,854
District Courts:—Collectors	...	1,334	...	...	2,285	...	...	564	...	...	442	...	48	15	...	...	...	73	4,761	2,42,770
Total ...	...	3,197	...	...	4,413	...	...	945	...	...	682	...	68	22	...	...	...	78	9,405	3,96,624
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	24,300	47,759	5,274	103,910	63,312	16,591	39,025	16,150	8,184	28,450	11,322	9,026	5,497	3,872	563	342	21	590	3,84,188	4,71,02,353
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																				
Presidency Small Cause Court	15,476	...	...	14,633	...	...	3,150	...	..	3,266	...	...	604	69	...	1	..	...	37,199	18,19,614
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	33	380	99	58	4	206	799	36,43,422
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction ... Admiralty ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	4	5	...
Testamentary ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	7	...
Matrimonial ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7		...
Total ...	15,476	...	...	14,633	...	...	3,150	...	...	3, 285	...	...	637	449	99	59	4	222	38,014	54,63,036

Annual Statement—4—(Civil).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1879.

Part I.—Civil Suits.

Class of Courts.	Number of suits before the Courts: Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1879.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on remand.	Received on review.	Revived.	Total for disposal.	Number of suits disposed of: Transferred to other Courts.	Without Trial: Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Without Contest: Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	On reference to Arbitration: For plaintiff.	For defendant.	With Contest: Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of these pending over three months.	Average number of days suits were pending: Average number of days contested.	Average number of days uncontested.	Remarks.
Courts in the Interior.																									
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																									
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Ordinary Procedure	38,617	2,74,156	31,835	724	540	2,470	348,342	32,204	503	23,984	9,093	34,702	27,373	95,126	9,917	631	183	53,741	19,373	271,626	44,512	13,302	87	44	
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	2,080	34,575	1,437	2	180	278	38,552	1,044	28	5,707	525	3,894	4,390	11,501	2,865	30	11	3,830	1,956	34,737	2,771	58	30	25	
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	3,910	60,340	...	...	93	1,054	65,397	2	59	7,467	1,266	7,524	13,924	19,223	366	67	18	6,194	3,391	61,499	3,898	58	28	21	
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Sub-Judge	391	1,135	50	7	2	10	1,585	144	5	18	18	69	137	301	1	2	...	324	100	972	469	208	202	76	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Ordinary Procedure	1,269	3,586	756	36	10	27	5,684	527	15	72	76	428	257	939	8	20	5	1,246	402	3,468	1,689	1,042	190	82	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	30	743	...	...	...	...	773	...	2	288	7	145	45	174	...	...	...	52	43	756	17	...	29	18	
Chief Courts of Districts	95	246	59	2	1	1	406	48	1	12	7	18	14	44	1	1	1	88	52	239	119	65	196	85	
Total of each class for Civil Courts — Suits for money or movables	19,052	199,746	11,677	127	456	2,096	233,154	11,512	210	25,839	2,656	23,221	31,284	71,128	8,974	269	89	25,151	10,424	199,242	22,400	3,137	49	38	
Total of each class for Civil Courts — Do. under the Rent Law	13,893	131,452	15,944	347	220	1,410	163,266	15,907	203	8,896	3,847	15,895	10,772	50,744	3,361	117	34	30,649	6,957	131,475	15,884	4,309	71	41	
Total of each class for Civil Courts — Title and other suits	13,437	43,585	6,516	297	150	334	64,319	6,550	200	2,810	1,489	7,664	4,084	5,438	823	366	96	11,675	7,936	46,580	15,189	7,285	140	79	
Total	46,382	374,783	34,137	771	826	3,840	460,739	33,969	613	37,545	7,992	46,780	46,140	127,306	13,158	751	218	67,475	25,317	373,297	53,473	14,731	78	39	
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																									
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	2,064	4,644	4,734	23	14	49	11,548	70	10	2,313	264	551	810	3,115	45	...	...	2,285	1,089	10,462	996	97	75	47	
District Courts:—Collectors	68	4,761	...	...	18	...	4,947	4,734	...	24	4	...	26	10	...	...	...	43	5	112	1	...	80	34	
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	48,534	384,188	38,871	794	858	3,889	477,134	38,773	623	39,882	8,260	47,331	46,976	130,433	13,203	751	218	69,803	26,411	383,291	54,470	14,828	78	39	
Courts at the Presidency.																									
Presidency Small Cause Court	1,436	37,199	...	...	...	...	38,635	.	...	5,541	...	13,534	4,861	8,463	45	230	60	3,082	1,235	37,051	1,584	...	...	..	
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	22	709	...	...	...	...	1,731	...	...	101	91	10	98	296	1	5	...	190	60	842	889	...	260	155	
Other Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	12	4	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	4	12	...	249	614	
Other Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	8	5	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	2	1	7	6	...	357	262	
Other Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	6	7	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	11	...	144	..	
Total	2,304	38,014	...	...	...	...	40,408	...	...	5,642	91	13,545	4,963	8,759	46	235	60	3,287	1,298	37,906	2,502	...	260	157	

Annual Statement—4—(Civil).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1879.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Cases. (Judicial.)

Class of Courts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1879.	Received otherwise: Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received otherwise: Received on remand.	Received otherwise: Received on review.	Received otherwise: Revived.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of: Without Trial: Application rejected or returned.	Without Trial: Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Without Trial: Withdrawn with leave.	Without Contest: Compromised.	Without Contest: Decreed on confession.	Without Contest: Decreed *ex parte*.	Without Contest: Dismissed *ex parte*.	On reference to Arbitration: For Plaintiff.	On reference to Arbitration: For Defendant.	With Contest: Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or part.	With Contest: Judgment for Defendant.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of these pending over three months.	Average number of days the cases were pending.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
I.—Civil Courts.																							
Unpaid Tribunals	—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	4,541	23,866	779	11	78	216	29,491	715	480	2,402	204	1,072	538	1,765	804	19	3	9,350	7,994	24,741	4,035	710	47
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	181	3,079	6	...	5	32	3,303	...	224	345	26	193	84	417	75	5	1	909	767	3,046	257	6	29
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	172	523	31	...	6	8	741	4	4	36	4	20	21	30	15	18	17	243	219	627	110	35	84
District Courts other than Chief Courts of District	495	2,198	146	2	3	16	2,860	34	39	186	45	38	44	298	59	...	...	959	654	2,322	504	147	75
Chief Courts of District	2,216	7,193	740	2	8	30	10,189	769	101	695	32	53	74	4,360	213	1	1	910	541	7,188	2,232	906	99
Total	7,606	36,859	1,702	15	100	302	46,584	1,522	848	3,664	311	1,386	761	6,970	1,166	43	22	12,471	10,175	37,924	7,138	1,854	58
II.—Revenue Courts.																							
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	3	41	...	...	7	4	55	...	...	7	...	2	1	6	...	...	...	27	5	48	7	...	28
District Courts:—Collectors	306	825	...	...	...	...	1,131	...	5	23	...	...	...	927	...	...	...	2	4	961	170	5	30
Total	309	866	...	...	7	4	1,186	...	5	30	...	2	1	933	...	...	...	29	9	1,009	177	5	30
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	7,915	37,725	1,702	15	107	306	47,770	1,522	853	3,694	311	1,388	762	7,903	1,166	43	22	12,500	10,184	38,933*	7,315	1,859	57
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																							
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	433	...	...	...	...	433	...	...	...	...	...	...	326	...	...	...	13	14	433†	...	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	433	...	...	...	...	433	...	...	...	...	...	...	326	...	...	...	13	14	433†	...	...	...

* Including 107 redemption cases.

† This figure includes 80 commissions executed which cannot be included in the preceding columns giving details.

Annual Statement—5—(Civil).

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1879.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1879.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, Section 551.	Dismissed for default, Sections 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex parte.				Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days the appeals were pending.	Objections under Section 661, Act X of 1877.	Remarks.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on review.	Received on remand.	Revived.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.						
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																								
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																								
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District	3,619	108	11,954	37	89	151	15,958	1,252	19	503	153	53	88	10	7,007	1,038	2,154	339	11,364	3,342	2,488	200	415	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	6,655	19,371	1,116	26	143	67	27,378	11,827	54	536	175	32	73	9	4,720	641	1,585	297	8,122	7,429	4,149	163	286	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
TOTAL OF EACH CLASS FOR CIVIL COURTS. Appeals from decisions in suits for money or movables	1,025	3,699	2,327	13	6	27	7,097	2,326	40	135	54	12	44	5	2,080	227	682	136	3,415	1,356	800	130	81	
In suits under the Rent Law	4,229	8,386	5,129	23	70	110	17,947	5,138	23	473	208	66	83	11	5,056	998	1,519	289	8,726	4,083	2,184	171	282	
In title and other suits	5,020	7,394	5,614	27	156	81	18,292	5,615	10	431	66	7	34	3	4,591	454	1,538	211	7,345	5,332	3,643	227	336	
Total	10,274	19,479	13,070	63	232	218	43,336	13,079	73	1,039	328	85	161	19	11,727	1,679	3,739	636	19,486	10,771	6,637	185	701	
B.—REVENUE COURTS.																								
Collectors' Appellate Courts	99	565	1	5	1	2	673	1	11	17	12	...	1	...	333	55	112	44	585	87	14	65	...	
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	10,373	20,044	13,071	68	233	220	44,009	13,080	84	1,056	340	85	162	19	12,060	1,734	3,851	680	20,071	10,858	6,651	186	701	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																								
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. From decisions by Courts in the interior	411	343	9	2	...	5	770	...	...	51	...	...	...	...	150	19	55	10	285	485	419	520	15	
From decisions on the Original Side	15	52	...	...	...	...	67	...	...	4	4	...	1	...	22	1	9	1	42	25	32	139	...	
APPEALS FROM APPELLATE DECREES.																								
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior	1,879	2,895	...	7	...	4	4,785	...	...	57	...	...	...	...	1,384	48	144	214	1,847	2,938	2,259	229	17	
From decisions by a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court.	11	35	...	...	...	...	46	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	25	...	4	2	31	15	15	251	...	
Total	2,316	3,325	9	9	...	9	5,668	...	...	112	4	...	1	...	1,581	68	212	227	2,205	3,463	2,725	263	32	

Annual Statement—5—(Civil).

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1879.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

CLASS OF COURT.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1879.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, Section 551.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex parte.				Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days the appeals were pending.	Objections under Section 551, Act X of 1877.	REMARKS.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on review.	Received on remand.	Revived.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.						
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
FIRST APPEALS.																								
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																								
Chief Appellate Court other than Chief Court of District	39	30	84	...	—	2	155	24	1	7	4	...	...	...	41	2	22	12	89	42	39	199	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts ...	575	1,430	151	9	4	16	2,185	211	53	129	74	6	54	2	654	23	294	40	1,329	645	426	136	7	
Superior Appellate Court other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	614	1,460	235	9	4	18	2,340	235	54	136	78	6	54	3	694	25	316	52	1,418	687	465	140	7	
B.—REVENUE COURTS.																								
Collectors' Appellate Courts	17	41	...	...	...	...	58	...	...	9	2	27	9	1	1	...	2	5	56	2	...	44	...	
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	631	1,501	235	9	4	18	2,398	235	54	145	80	33	63	4	695	25	318	57	1,474	689	465	136	7	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
FIRST APPEALS.																								
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE ... From decisions by Courts in the interior ...	124	188	—	1	...	1	314	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	113	14	47	10	202	112	76	128	4	
From decisions on the Original Side ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	124	188	...	1	...	1	314	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	113	14	47	10	202	112	76	128	4	
SECOND APPEALS.																								
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE ... From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior	54	99	...	1	...	1	155	...	—	4	...	...	...	...	63	1	21	7	96	59	44	138	1	
From decisions of a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	54	99	...	1	...	1	155	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	63	1	21	7	96	59	44	138	1	

Annual Statement—6—(Civil).

Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of Decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1879.

Class of Courts.	Number of applications dealt with: Pending at the end of 1878.	Filed: The decrees being those of the Court where execution is taken out.	Filed: The decrees being those of other Courts transferred for execution.	Restored to the file for any cause.	Total.	Applications disposed of: Transferred: To another Court.	Transferred: To the Collector.	Wholly or partly satisfied.	Wholly infructuous.	Total.	Pending at the end of 1878.	Of these pending more than three months.	Details of entries in column 9: Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Satisfaction obtained through the Court.	Adjusted under Section 258.	Satisfaction obtained with the issue of process.	Satisfaction without the issue of process.	Amount realised: With the issue of process.	Amount realised: Without the issue of process.	Number of applications: On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which the was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which his movable property: Was sold.	On which his movable property: Was attached, but subsequently released.	On which his immovable property: Was sold.	On which his immovable property: Was dealt with under Sections 305, 322, or 326.	On which his immovable property: Was attached, but subsequently released.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which possession was given: Of movables.	On which possession was given: Of immovables.	On which partition was effected, Section 265.	On which execution was otherwise effected.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																
I.—Civil Courts.																																
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	54,567	1,96,094	16,920	9,216	286,797	14,659	46	115,267	88,396	218,368	48,429	15,683	73,103	42,164	80,764	34,503	99,090	16,177	54,78,045	7,35,584	1,668	4,401	5,905	6,323	30,709	1,406	24,243	464	311	7,515	153	1,589
Small Cause Courts ...	3,031	34,462	25	...	37,518	463	...	12,844	21,624	34,931	2,587	43	5,864	6,980	8,450	4,394	11,069	1,775	2,97,469	83,581	478	833	4,200	1,334	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	3,367	7,488	337	864	11,956	359	10	4,927	3,579	8,875	3,081	1,579	2,709	2,224	3,718	1,209	4,293	635	57,45,043	6,28,782	39	51	181	143	1,410	52	1,136	9	3	293	8	71
Chief Courts of Districts ...	383	603	570	64	1,620	382	...	502	286	1,170	450	285	313	189	411	91	463	39	1,089,029	30,660	5	4	13	5	121	3	78	17	1	38	...	59
Total ...	61,248	238,647	17,852	10,144	317,891	15,863	56	133,540	113,885	263,344	54,547	17,590	81,963	51,557	93,343	40,197	1,14,914	18,626	1,26,09,586	14,78,607	2,190	5,289	10,299	7,805	32,240	1,461	25,457	490	318	7,846	161	1,728
II.—Revenue Courts.																																
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts ...	1,072	3,062	852	10	4,996	1	...	1,973	2,168	4,142	854	233	1,585	388	1,469	504	1,647	326	63,615	6,283	16	77	280	471	95	2	107	...	...	149	...	...
District Courts :—Collectors	96	1,343	1	45	1,485	698	...	381	245	1,324	161	25	320	61	356	25	376	5	42,989	922	3	11	19	86	104	...	153	...	...	14	...	...
Total ...	1,168	4,405	853	55	6,481	699	...	2,354	2,413	5,466	1,015	258	1,905	449	1,825	529	2,023	331	106,604	7,205	19	88	299	557	199	2	260	...	...	163	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	62,416	233,052	18,705	10,199	324,372	16,562	56	135,894	116,298	268,810	55,562	17,848	83,888	52,006	95,168	40,726	116,937	18,957	1,27,16,190	14,85,812	2,209	5,377	10,598	8,362	32,439	1,463	25,717	490	318	8,009	161	1,728
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																																
Presidency Small Cause Court	210	9,250	65	29	9,554	432	...	11,791*	3,927*	16,150*	...	...	6,850*	4,941*	10,049*	...	4,533	7,258	1,63,793	2,40,356	491	...	648	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	64	343	18	...	424	85	...	80	106	271	153	...	...	...	...	3	80	...	49	...	23	13	10	8	6	...	9	...	1	3	...	4
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. Admiralty .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Testamentary.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Matrimonial	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	275	9,592	83	29	9 979	517	...	11,871	4,033	16,421	154	...	6,850	4,941	10,049	3	4,613	7,258	1,63,842	2,40,356	514	13	658	8	6	...	9	...	1	3	...	4

* These figures refer to the number of warrants issued, information as to the number of application for execution not being available.

Annual Statement—7—(Civil).

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act X of 1877, in the Lower Provinces of Bengal, during the year 1879.

PART I.—SHOWING THE NUMBER AND RESULT OF APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 344, AND THE NUMBER OF INSOLVENTS BEFORE THE COURT.

CLASS OF COURTS.	APPLICATIONS FOR A DECLARATION OF INSOLVENCY.														PERSONS DECLARED TO BE INSOLVENTS.									REMARKS.
	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH.						APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF.								NUMBER OF INSOLVENTS BEFORE THE COURT.				DISPOSED OF.					
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Filed during the year			Received by transfer.	TOTAL.	Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	Granted.		Rejected.			TOTAL.	Pending at the close of the year.	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Declared to be Insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer.	TOTAL.	Transferred.	Died.	Discharged		Remaining at the close of the year.	
		By judgment-debtors.		By decree-holders.					A Receiver being appointed.	A Receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate.								Under Section 351.	Under Section 356.		
		Under arrest or imprisonment.	Not under arrest or imprisonment.																					
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chief Courts of Districts	21	171	15	...	...	207	...	78	2	37	42	5	1	165	42	3	41	....	44	...	...	42	1	1	
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
TOTAL ...	21	171	15	...	...	207	...	78	2	37	42	5	1	165	42	3	41	...	44	...	...	42	1	1	

Annual Statement—7—(Civil).

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act X of 1877, in the Lower Provinces of Bengal, during the year 1879.

PART II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF ESTATES IN THE HANDS OF RECEIVERS AND THE PROGRESS MADE IN WINDING UP.

NAME OF COURT.	NUMBER OF INSOLVENTS' ESTATES IN THE HANDS OF RECEIVERS.				AMOUNT OF CREDITORS' CLAIMS DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR.					AMOUNT OF INSOLVENTS' ASSETS REALIZED AND OUTSTANDING.				REMARKS.
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a Receiver during the year.	Number of Estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realized assets in the hands of Receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realized during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of Receivers at the close of the year.	
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chief Courts of Districts ...	2	1	...	3	12,309	...	...	...	12,309	107	31	...	138	
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
TOTAL ...	2	1	...	3	12,309	...	...	...	12,309	107	31	...	138	

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REPORT

ON

THE ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL JUSTICE

IN

THE LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL

IN

1880.

THE following report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the Lower Provinces of Bengal has been drawn up on the same plan as that adopted last year. The forms of statements appended hereto are also similar to those appended to the report for that year, with one exception, *viz.*, Table S, in which details are given of the results of a revised scheme for the preparation of copies introduced during the past year into the Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal with the approval of the Government of India.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

1.—THE HIGH COURT.

Original suits.

The number of civil suits, including Divorce, Vice-Admiralty, Testamentary, and Intestate (contentious) cases pending on the Original Side of the High Court at the end of 1879 was 918,* and the number instituted during 1880 was 734, making a total of 1,652.

* The suits pending at the end of each year have invariably been found to include a considerable number compromised out of Court, or practically abandoned.

The suits instituted during 1880 may be classified thus:—

33	suits for possession of immovable property.
8	„ for declaratory decrees.
16	„ to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.
31	„ to declare and establish personal rights.
55	„ for an account.
9	„ to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations, on the ground of fraud.
5	„ for dissolution of marriage (Divorce).
2	„ for enforcement of matrimonial rights.
4	„ for partition.
2	„ relating to shipping (Vice-Admiralty).
1	suit relating to religion and caste.
13	administration suits.
6	suits for dissolution of partnership.
11	„ under Section 261 of Act X of 1865.
2	other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.
536	suits for specific money claims amounting to Rs. 27,91,248.
Total 734	

† Original suits, including Vice-Admiralty, Testamentary, and Intestate (contentious) cases	802	Pending at the close of the year. 834
Divorce suits	7	9
	809	843

The number of suits† disposed of in 1880 was 809, leaving 843 undetermined at the end of the year.

Of the suits disposed of—

271 were dismissed for default or want of prosecution,

43 were withdrawn with leave,

17 were determined by compromise,

75 were decreed on confession,

227 were decreed *ex-parte*,

2 were dismissed *ex-parte*,

7 were decreed upon award,

134 cases decreed, and

33 cases were dismissed.

Interlocutory Applications.

There were also disposed of during the year 361 petitions for probate and letters of administration, 2,140 interlocutory applications, including applications for injunction, for the appointment of a Receiver, for the discovery of documents, &c., and 404 applications for execution.

References to take accounts.

The number of references to take accounts, to make enquiries, to settle conveyances, &c., pending at the commencement of the year, was 104. The number of fresh references directed by the Court during the year was 182, making a total of 286. Of these, 17 were disposed of by a Judge in Chambers, and 151 were disposed of by the Registrar on the Original Side. In 40 of the cases disposed of by the Registrar, that officer conducted the sale of property ordered to be sold otherwise than in the ordinary course of execution, after examining the title and settling the conditions of sale.

Proclamations under Section 287.

In connection with the Registrar's *quasi*-judicial duties, it should be stated that that officer has during the year settled the proclamation of sale by the Sheriff in the ordinary course of execution in 26 cases, in 17 of which it was found necessary to examine witnesses.

Appeals from the Original Jurisdiction.

The number of appeals from the Original Side to the Appellate Side of the Court pending at the commencement of 1880 was 25, and the number filed during the year was 43, making a total of 68. Of these, 7 were dismissed for default, 1 was heard *ex-parte*, and the decree of the Original Court was reversed, and 34 contested cases were disposed of with the following results:—The decree appealed from was affirmed in 26 cases and was reversed in 7 cases; and 1 case was remanded.

References from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes.

One reference from the Calcutta Small Cause Court was pending at the commencement of 1880 and 8 references were made during the year, making a total of 9. Of these, 8 were disposed of in the following manner:—One case was remanded for new trial, and in 7 cases the judgment of the Small Cause Court was affirmed.

Insolvent cases.

The number of cases pending in the Insolvent Court at the commencement of the year was 176, and the number filed during the year was 122, making a total of 298 cases. Of these, 115 cases were disposed of during the year as follows:—Four cases were withdrawn, 14 cases were dismissed, the adjudication was set aside in 6 cases, and in 91 cases the insolvents obtained relief.

Of the persons who sought relief in the cases disposed of, 83 were merchants, 14 were private persons who had once possessed independent means, and 18 were clerks employed in public and other offices.

There were also disposed of, during the year, 77 applications for protection and 938 miscellaneous applications.

Judges' time occupied.

For the hearing of original suits 3 Judges sat together for 1 day, 2 Judges sat together for 4 days, 2 Judges sat separately and simultaneously for 106 days, 1 Judge sat separately for 103 days, and 3 Judges sat separately and simultaneously for 1 day. References to take accounts, &c., occupied 1 Judge for 28 days. The Insolvent Court occupied 1 Judge for 51 days. The appeals from the Original Side and the references from the Calcutta Small Cause Court occupied 2 Judges for 53 days.

Appeals to the Privy Council.

There were 4 appeals pending before the Privy Council at the commencement of 1879, 2 were filed during that year, and 1 was filed during 1880.

It appears from a letter from the Registrar of the Privy Council, that of the 4 appeals which were pending at the commencement of 1879, 2 had been dismissed for want of prosecution, and that no proceedings had been taken in the 2 other appeals since the 5th of December 1870, so that they may fairly be treated as having been abandoned. The proceedings in the appeals filed in 1879 and 1880 were all transmitted to the Privy Council in the course of the latter year.

The following is a statement of receipts and expenditure on the Original Side during 1880:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Commission of the Accountant General	16,647	1	8
Ditto on sales by the Registrar	25,736	3	7
Receiver's commission	25,707	14	11
Fines realised	250	0	0
Other fees realized by means of stamps	2,21,671	14	0
TOTAL	2,90,013	2	2
Probate and Administration duty	1,66,452	0	0

	Receipts.			Expenditure.			Surplus.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
In 1878	2,11,721	12	10	1,83,557	8	3	28,164	4	7
In 1879	2,58,273	15	2	1,78,486	4	6	79,787	10	8
In 1880	2,90,013	2	2	1,76,692	3	10	1,13,320	14	4

The Clerk of the Crown, having during the year also officiated as Secretary to the Government of Bengal in the Legislative Department, has been allowed one-half his pay of the former office. This will account for the principal portion of the reduced expenditure.

II.—CIVIL COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

The total number of original suits instituted, determined, and pending in the Civil Courts of the Lower Provinces subordinate to the High Court in each of the past three years, was as follows:— Original suits instituted, disposed of and pending *See Table A.*

	Instituted.	Determined.	Pending.
In 1878	355,176	352,762	46,195
„ 1879	374,783	373,297	53,473
„ 1880	384,564	386,965	55,982

The number of original suits instituted during the past year exceeded by 9,781 the number instituted in the previous year, and by 29,388 the number instituted in 1878.

Although the number of suits heard and determined has exceeded the number instituted during the past year, a result which was not attained in either of the two preceding years, no reduction was made in the pending files, which show 2,509 suits in excess of the number pending at the close of 1879. A similar anomaly appears on examination of the figures of the preceding years, for although the number of cases decided in 1879 was less by 1,486 than those instituted, the number pending at the end of 1879 exceeded by 6,278 those brought on from 1878. These results are attributable to cases admitted to re-hearing either on application for review of judgment or on revival of cases decreed *ex-parte*, and also to cases remanded on appeal, none of which are entered as new cases.

Suits instituted.

The figures given in the margin show that there was an increase of nearly 13,000 suits instituted in the Regular Civil Courts and a decrease of about 3,000 in the Courts of Small Causes. On reference to the details given for each district in Table A, it will be seen that, in the

	Reg.	S. C. C.
In 1878	300,526	54,656
„ 1879	314,443	60,340
„ 1880	327,248	57,316

Regular Civil Courts, the increase was most remarkable in the following districts, *viz.* :—

	Increase of more than
Furreedpore	3,000
Bancoora, Mymensingh, Dacca	2,000
Hooghly, Jessore, Rajshahye, Backergunge, Midnapore	1,000
Sarun, Moorshedabad, Pubna, Tirhoot, Bhaugulpore	500

On the other hand, the decrease is most striking in the following districts, *viz.* :—

	Decrease of more than
Noakhally, Burdwan	2,000
Rungpore, Chittagong, Nuddea	1,000
Dinagepore	500

In the Courts of Small Causes of the following districts there was the largest increase in the number of suits instituted, *viz.* :—

	Increase of more than
Dacca	1,000
Furreedpore	500

While a falling off is chiefly in the following districts, *viz.* :—

	Decrease of more than
Jessore, Cuttack	2,000
Nuddea, 24-Pergunnahs	500

The following are some of the reasons given in the District Judges' reports in explanation of these results :—

Bancoora.—The District Judge reports : "there was a considerable increase in the institutions in the Courts of the Munsifs of Bancoora, Kotulpore, and Khatra. As regards Kotulpore and Khatra, the increase is accounted for by the fact that these two Munsifis were only created at the beginning of the last quarter of 1879. The increase in the Bancoora Munsifi is ascribed to the transfer, from Bishenpore to its jurisdiction, of Thanna Onda, one of the most litigious thannas in the district."

Mymensingh.—The increase in this district is ascribed to the prosperous condition of the people owing to good harvests.

Dacca.—In this district the increase took place principally in the Small Cause Courts of Dacca and Munshigunge and in the Courts of the Munsifs of Dacca, Munshigunge, and Manickgunge. It occurred mostly in suits for money and movables and in cases under the Rent Law. The Judge says that it is difficult to assign any particular reason for this increase in litigation, but he thinks that it is perhaps owing to the excellent crops reaped in all parts of the district towards the end of 1879.

Hooghly.—The District Judge remarks that the steady increase of litigation in this district year by year may be taken as an index of its commercial prosperity.

Midnapore.—The increase is attributed to a great influx of settlement suits under Act VIII (B.C.) of 1879 in the Courts of the Munsifs of Tumlook, Dantoon, and especially at Contai.

Pubna.—The increase here is stated to be due to the abundance of crops during the past year and the greater facility with which landlords have realised their rents.

Tirhoot.—In this district the increase is in suits under the Rent Law, and is reported to be due to disputes between certain indigo planters and their ryots. The Land Registration Act of 1877 has also, the District Judge reports, tended to increase litigation to a great extent. Many suits for adjudication of title and to set aside the Collector's orders were instituted during 1880, and are still being instituted.

Sarun.—The District Judge reports thus: "There is an increase in the number of institutions of all classes of original suits over the preceding year. The increase is most considerable in rent and title suits. Suits of the latter class appear to be steadily increasing, probably in consequence of the raising, in proceedings under the Land Registration Act, of questions of title which had been allowed to remain unsettled previously. I have not been able to obtain a perfectly satisfactory explanation as to the marked and general increase in rent suits over the previous year. The prevailing opinion among the Judicial officers subordinate to me is, that it is probably due to abundant harvests, and consequently an increased chance of landlords being able to realise old-standing arrears."

Dinagepore.—The Munsif of Dinagepore accounts for the increase in the number of suits relating to money and for the decrease in that of rent suits by the fact that several suits were brought before him on *kistbandis* executed in consideration of rent due. In the Thakurgaon Munsifi the number of suits for money or movables has been, successively for the last four years, 1,331, 1,259, 1,088, and 979, showing a constant decrease. This is attributed partly to good harvests; but the more probable cause assigned is that the Court is less frequented owing to the jungles which surround it on three sides being infested with tigers. Rent suits show a decrease of 486 in the number of institutions, principally owing to the fact that a large number of this class of suits was instituted in 1879 by one putnidar and zemindar. The Munsif of Putnitolla remarks that there has been a gradual decrease in the number of suits of all classes since the re-arrangement of the Munsifi jurisdiction of this chowkee in 1878. Nearly half of the suits used to come from the thannas Budalgachie, Khettal, and Punchbibi, which have been taken away and included within the Bogra Munsifi. Many of the villages of Gungarampore and Porsha are at a distance from the Court, and the communications are indifferent. The Munsif has reason to believe that creditors prefer giving up half their claims to coming such a long distance to press them in Court. He further ascribes the decrease to the favourable harvests of the past three years, and to the absence of ill-feeling among the large land-holders. The Munsif of Terai attributes a gradual decrease of institutions in his sub-division to the increasing cost of litigation. He also remarks that remnants of the old system of village *punchayets* are still to be seen there, and that not a few differences are adjudicated upon by those agencies. In the three Courts at Darjeeling, institutions have increased, mainly no doubt from the development of the district and from improvement in its communications.

Nuddea.—The Judge explains the falling off in litigation in this district by ascribing it partly to the character of the harvest which was exceptionally good in 1880, and partly to the "unexampled prevalence of sickness affecting all classes."

Rungpore.—The decrease in this district was chiefly in respect of suits for money or movables, which the Judge says was apparently owing to the number in 1880 being abnormal in consequence of the numerous suits brought by the Maharajah of Cooch Behar in 1879 to recover advances made to his ryots during the last famine. This cause has ceased to be in operation during the past year.

Noakhally.—The Judge of this district thus reports in regard to the decrease in institutions:—"This table shows a marked decrease in the institution of cases on the Small Cause Court file under special procedure, and the Munsif of Sudharam (who alone hears such cases) attributes it to the fall of prices in the

market; the price of rice, which is the principal crop of this district, having been remarkably low this year. From other sources I hear that the people have had several good years with high prices, and find it profitable in the first instance to pay off their ordinary debts, and next their arrears of rent. This would account for the fact that rent suits are nearly as numerous as in 1879."

Cuttack.—In this district "the decrease," the Judge reports, "is attributable in every case to the fact that a large number of suits were instituted in the latter part of 1879, which, but for a widely-spread mistaken impression as to the meaning of Section 2 of the new Limitation Act, would not have been instituted till the next year or later. The increase of Small Cause Court suits in Jaipore is a consequence of the prosperity of the country and the expansion of trade."

The High Court feel that in many instances the causes assigned for the fluctuation in litigation are speculative; but as they have no means of testing their accuracy, they merely state the substance of the reports given for the information of Government.

The Regular Courts of the following districts decided the largest number of cases in comparison with the previous year, *viz.*:—

	Increase of more than
Backergunge	4,000
Furreedpore	3,000
Bancoora, Mymensingh, Hooghly	2,000
Cuttack, Dacca, Rajshahye, Tipperah, Jessore	1,000

On the other hand, the returns of the following districts show a considerable falling off, *viz.*:—

	Decrease of more than
Burdwan	2,000
Rungpore, Midnapore	1,000

The work done in the Small Cause Courts has varied principally in the following Courts, *viz.*:—

	Increase of more than
Dacca	2,000

	Decrease of more than
Jessore, Cuttack, Nuddea	1,000

In the districts noted on the margin, there was an increase in the pending files of the Regular Courts at the close of 1880. In the first-named district, the increase was considerable and was mainly due to a large number of suits to contest the *Hijelee* settlements made by Government, which were decided after the close of the year under review. There have also been many suits instituted by Messrs. Watson & Co. against their tenants. In the remaining three districts the result is due to an increase in the number of suits instituted.

	Increase.
Midnapore	2,405
Moorshedabad	690
Dacca	533
Furreedpore	502

The number of suits and appeals pending for more than one year at the close of 1879 and 1880, respectively, is shown on the margin. The largest number of these suits is to be found in the following districts, *viz.*: 24-Per-

	1879.	1880.
Original Suits	185	194
Appeals	621	723

gunnahs (21), Dacca (19), Gya (32), Sarun (20), Cuttack (21). As regards appeals, the arrears are most remarkable in the following districts, *viz.*: Midnapore (125), Hooghly (105), Nuddea (66), Furreedpore (36), Shahabad (243), Tirhoot (46); the arrears in Shahabad were mainly due to the exceedingly small amount of work done during the year by the District Judge. The increase in the number of long-pending suits and appeals throughout Bengal has necessitated an application to Government to strengthen the existing staff of Judicial officers in certain districts. The returns, as will appear from a subsequent portion of this report, show that, in the aggregate, less work has been done by the higher Courts of Original Jurisdiction and by the Appellate Courts in the interior; but the variations are generally susceptible of satisfactory explanation and the additional establishments are necessary to deal with arrears, the origin of which has been already reported to Government.

Table C shows that, including cases in the Courts of Small Causes, the total number of suits filed in 1880 exceeded the total number filed in 1876 by 45,708, or 13·4 per cent. The value in litigation at the same time increased to Rs. 5,11,11,458, as compared with Rs. 5,04,82,055. Number and value of suits instituted, 1876 to 1880. *See Table C.*

In the following statement the districts have been grouped according to the number of suits filed in 1880:—

Exceeding 20,000 suits.		
24-Pergunnahs.	Dacca.	Jessore. · Backergunge.
Exceeding 15,000 suits.		
Mymensingh.	Midnapore.	Tipperah.
Nuddea.	Hooghly.	Furreedpore.
Exceeding 10,000 suits.		
Bhaugulpore.	Moorshedabad.	Rungpore.
Burdwan.	Chittagong.	Noakhally.
Cuttack.		
Exceeding 5,000 suits.		
Pubna.	Tirhoot.	Purneah.
Bancoora.	Rajshahye.	Shahabad.
Dinagepore.	Sarun.	Patna.
Exceeding 2,000 suits.		
Beerbhoom and Chota Nagpore.		

In Jessore the number of suits instituted was slightly in excess of 32,000, of which about one-third were filed in the Court of Small Causes. In the 24-Pergunnahs the number exceeded 26,000, of which a little more than one-fourth were filed in the Courts of Small Causes. In Mymensingh and Tipperah the number of suits instituted was slightly below 20,000, all of which were instituted in Regular Civil Courts, there being no Small Cause Courts in those districts. It is to be remarked that in the past year the number of suits instituted in 2 districts only did not exceed 2,000, as compared with 5 districts in 1879.

The increase in litigation during the last five years has been marked in the following districts, *viz.*: in Bancoora, where it has amounted to 108 per cent.; in Backergunge, 70·2 per cent.; in Cuttack, 35 per cent.; and in Hooghly, where the increase has been 34 per cent. In Bancoora, this increase is probably due to the impulse given by the establishment of many mining and other works, to the prosperity of that district, and to the alterations in the local jurisdiction. The advance of litigation in Backergunge is not explained; but it has no doubt been caused by the extensive and increasing trade now at work.

In Cuttack, this result has been due to abundant harvests after years of scarcity; and in Hooghly in a great measure to an extension of local jurisdiction by the transfer of part of the neighbouring district of Burdwan. Litigation has

decreased in Dinagepore to the extent of 42 per cent.; in the 24-Pergunnahs to the extent of 35 per cent.; and in each of the districts—Burdwan, Chittagong, and Rajshahye—to the extent of 24 per cent. In Dinagepore, the falling off can be accounted for by the transfer of Malda to Rajshahye; but there has still been a falling off in Rajshahye, which is probably due to the transfer of the litigious district of Pubna to form the new district of Pubna and Bogra. The loss to Burdwan by the transfer of Jehanabad to Hooghly explains the diminution of litigation in that district. No reason for the decrease in the 24-Pergunnahs and Chittagong has been reported.

Classification of suits instituted, 1879 and 1880. *See Table D.*

The number of suits of each class instituted in all the Civil Courts in each of the past two years was as follows:—

	1879	1880.
Suits cognizable by a Small Cause Court .	199,746	196,851
Suits under the Rent Law	131,451	142,886
Other suits	43,585	. 44,827

Excluding cases instituted in the Small Cause Courts, the number of such cases instituted in 1880 was 139,535, of which 38,491 were disposed of by 59 Officers (58 Munsifs and 1 Subordinate Judge) vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court for the trial of suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. Comparing the results in the past with those in the previous year, it appears that, in cases instituted in the Small Cause Courts, there has been a decrease of 5 per cent.; and in similar cases instituted in the Regular Civil Courts, there has been an increase of ·09 per cent. As regards suits under the Rent Law, the results in 1880 were 8·7 per cent. in excess of those in 1879; while in "title and other suits" there was an increase of 2·8 per cent.

The results in regard to the Courts of Small Causes will be considered in a subsequent portion of this report in connection with Small Cause Courts.

As regards rent suits, an increase was most remarkable in the following districts, *viz.*: in Backergunge, of 2,400; in Jessore, of 1,843; in Furreedpore, of 1,563; while in Burdwan there was a decrease of 743 cases. In "title and other suits," the only remarkable increase was in Midnapore, where such cases increased from 2,472 in 1879 to 4,876 in 1880. In Burdwan, a decrease of 740 cases of this class is shown; in Cuttack, of 654; and in Backergunge of 642 cases.

The following statement, prepared in accordance with the practice of former years, will show in what districts suits of each class were most numerous.

Including Small Cause Courts, each of the following districts had more than 10,000 suits for money or movables:—

	1878.	1879.	1880.
Dacca	15,116	16,771	19,974
Jessore	14,503	18,155	15,424
24-Pergunnahs . . .	14,102	15,662	14,241
Mymensingh	13,141	11,926	13,864
Nuddea	11,733	13,779	12,468
Furreedpore	7,730	8,957	11,550

It is remarkable that the relative position of these districts in the past year was exactly the same as in 1878.

In respect of rent suits, Backergunge and Jessore, which are adjoining districts, continue to hold the same position as they did in the previous year. In no other district did the number of rent suits instituted in the past year exceed 10,000.

In the following districts, the number of "title and other suits" instituted in the past year exceeded 2,500:—

	1879.	1880.
Mymensingh	2,669	2,884
24-Pergunnahs	2,661	2,591
Tipperah	2,701	2,567
Chittagong	2,279	2,537

The following table gives details regarding the suits for money or movables instituted in the past two years in the Regular Civil Courts and in the Courts of Small Causes:—

Description of Suits.	Small Cause Courts.		Regular Civil Courts.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
On written obligation	32,567	29,136	99,649	95,952
On unwritten obligation	6,668	6,965	8,830	9,362
On account stated	2,620	2,635	7,222	8,632
Money had and received	1,556	977	3,328	3,118
Goods sold	7,834	8,966	4,206	4,967
Wages, work, and materials	1,108	1,180	1,367	1,534
Rent not falling under the Rent Law	3,204	3,733	2,282	2,694
Movable property or value thereof	761	700	6,692	6,049
Damages	2,575	2,370	4,234	4,943
Other suits for money or movables not mentioned above.	1,447	654	1,596	2,284
Total	60,340	57,316	139,406	139,535

It will be observed that there has been a considerable decrease in the number of suits on bonds; while the number of suits for the recovery of the value of goods sold appear to be increasing both in the Small Cause Courts and in the Regular Civil Courts.

The following table contains a comparative statement of the various descriptions of suits under the Rent Law instituted during the past two years in the Civil Courts and in the Revenue Courts:—

Description of Suits.	Civil Courts.		Revenue Courts.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Arrears of rent	125,436	136,731	8,141	7,190
Enhancement or abatement of rent	1,836	1,364	88	119
Relating to distraint	363	356	527	271
Damages for extortion, &c.	251	373	113	99
For pottahs or kabulyuts	96	106	101	86
For ejectment or recovery of possession	1,224	1,488	337	349
For recovery of money or accounts from agents	929	904	27	27
All other suits under the Rent Law	1,317	1,564	71	56
Total	131,452	142,886	9,405	8,197

The number of "suits for arrears of rent" instituted in the Civil Courts continues to increase; while in the Revenue Courts suits of this class were not so frequently instituted as in the previous year.

There was a decrease in the number of suits for enhancement and abatement of rent instituted in Civil Courts. The decrease in the number of suits relating to distraint instituted in the Revenue Courts is also noticeable.

The following statement gives details of suits other than rent suits and suits of the Small Cause Court class, instituted in the past two years :—

Description of Suits.	Number of Suits.		Percentage of the total number of the class.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880
Souts for immoveable property . . .	25,615	25,106	58·76	56·01
„ for declaratory decrees . . .	1,201	1,208	2·75	2 70
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act .	4,883	4,933	11·20	11·00
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property	8,082	7,234	18·56	16·14
„ to declare and establish personal rights	893	964	2·04	2·15
„ for an account	583	521	1·10	1·16
„ relating to religious endowments .	37	34	·08	·07
„ to set aside judgments, &c., on the ground of fraud	590	656	1·35	1·47
„ for dissolution of marriage . .	23	25	·05	·05
„ for enforcement of matrimonial rights	376	412	·86	·92
„ for partition	554	583	1·27	1·30
„ relating to shipping . . .	1	1	...	
„ „ to religion and caste . .	16	21	·36	·05
Administration suits	1	6	...	·01
Interpleader suits	47	13	·10	·03
Dissolution of partnership . . .	18	21	·04	·05
Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865 .	107	143	·24	·32
Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	558	2,946	1·28	6·57
Total .	43,585	44,827	100	100

The number of suits to declare and establish rights to real property has fallen off during the past year; while suits of the class described in the above statement as "other suits not falling under any of the previous heads" have increased from 558 in 1879 to 2,946 in the past year.

Suits valued according to class.
See Table E.

In the following statement the value of suits of each class instituted in each of the past two years is exhibited :—

		1879. Rs.	1880. Rs.
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts .	32,17,080	30,11,419
	Regular Courts .	1,68,11,938	1,53,22,956
Suits under the Rent Law		76,02,524	77,60,187
Title and other suits		1,90,74,185	2,50,16,897

The increase in value under the heads of "Suits under the Rent Law" and "Title and other suits" is chiefly owing to the increase in the number of institutions of such suits.

The following statement shows the average value of a suit of each class:—

		1879.	1880.
		Rs.	Rs.
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts . .	53·3	52·5
	Regular Courts . .	120·5	109·8
Suits under the Rent Law		57·8	54·3
Title and other suits		437·6	558·1

The following table gives further details of the value of suits instituted in 1880:— Details of value- *See Statement 3.*

Details of Value.	Suits for money or movables.			Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.
	Small Cause Courts.	Regular Courts.			
		Under Small Cause Court powers.	Under Ordinary Procedure.		
Not exceeding Rs. 10 . .	9,723	7,959	6,633	46,853	6,864
„ „ „ 50 . .	30,384	30,451	46,714	65,902	17,866
„ „ „ 100 . .	9,921	...	25,888	16,791	7,956
„ „ „ 500 . .	7,288	...	18,389	11,389	8,180
Exceeding „ 500, or value not ascertained . . .	...	...	3,501	1,951	3,961
Total .	57,316	38,410	1,01,125	1,42,886	44,827

From this table it appears that in 375,151 or 97·5 per cent. of the whole number of suits instituted in the Civil Courts, the value involved did not exceed Rs. 500; and of these in 71·8 per cent. the value did not exceed Rs. 50. Of suits instituted in the Small Cause Courts, in 40,107 or 69·9 per cent. the value did not exceed Rs. 50. Of suits of the Small Cause class instituted in the Regular Civil Courts, 91,757 or 65·7 per cent. did not exceed the same value. Of these, 38,410 were dealt with by officers vested with Small Cause Court powers. Of rent suits, 39·7 per cent. did not exceed Rs. 10 in value, and 78·9 per cent. more, exceeding Rs. 10, did not exceed Rs. 50 in value. In 32,686 or 72·9 per cent. of the title and other suits instituted, the property in dispute did not exceed Rs. 100.

The following statement gives details of 8,983 suits in which the value is said to have exceeded Rs. 500:—

		Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.
Not exceeding Rs.	1,000 in value . .	2,106	1,215	1,280
„ „	5,000 „ . .	1,147	634	1,793
„ „	10,000 „ . .	143	40	268
„ „	1,00,000 „ . .	100	15	220
Exceeding „	1,00,000 „ . .	3	...	19
		3,499	1,904	3,580

In the remaining 430 cases, the value cannot be estimated in money.

Suits how determined. *See Table F.*

The manner in which suits were dealt with during each of the past five years is shown in the following table:—

	Withdrawn, Compromised, Confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.
1876	126,068	127,776	92,163	346,007
1877	129,094	133,254	93,094	355,442
1878	126,961	131,805	94,151	352,917
1879	139,070	140,466	93,761	373,297
1880	147,885	142,606	96,474	386,965

Contested cases formed 24·9 per cent. of the whole number decided in 1880, as compared with 25·11 per cent. in 1879 and 26·6 in 1878.

In the following statement, details are given for 1880, according to the class of suit and the class of Court before which it was brought:—

		Withdrawn, Compromised, Confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.
Courts of Small Causes . . .		28,415	20,100	10,994
Regular Courts.	Suits for money or movables . .	56,883	60,205	24,392
	Suits under the Rent Law . .	44,869	57,160	40,719
	Title and other suits	17,728	5,141	20,369
	TOTAL .	119,470	122,506	85,480

From this statement it appears that while in the Small Cause Courts 18·4 per cent. of the cases decided were contested, as compared with 26·1 per cent. in the Regular Civil Courts, in the latter the ratio for each class of suits separately was, in suits for money or movables, 17·2 per cent., in rent suits 28·5 per cent., and in title and other suits 47·1 per cent. From these results, as might be expected, it appears that the proportion of rent suits which are contested is large, as compared with suits for money, &c., and small, as compared with title and other suits.

Of the suits for money, &c., entered above, as decided in the Regular Courts, 38,491 cases were dealt with by 59 officers vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge for the trial of petty suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. The manner in which these cases were disposed of is shown in the margin.* Only 16 per cent. were contested.

	Rs.
* Withdrawn, &c. . .	17,245
Decided *ex-parte* . .	15,060
Contested . . .	6,186
TOTAL . . .	38,491

Districts where contested suits were most numerous.

The following were the only districts with more than 5,000 contested cases in the past year:—

	1878.	1879.	1880.
Jessore	8,188	8,313	8,297
24-Pergunnahs	6,999	7,564	6,968
Tipperah	4,632	5,045	5,267

The proportion of contested cases decided in the Regular Civil Courts was greatest in the following districts:—

Percentage of contested cases.

	In suits for money, &c.	In suits under the Rent Law.	In title and other suits.	Total.
Patna	40·1	60·2	63·9	55·8
Tirhoot	25·2	57·8	63·0	46·1
Gya	35·3	49·8	53·0	44·3
Sarun	23·1	40·4	40·4	35·2
Chota Nagpore . .	27·3	...	70·0	35·2

In connection with this statement, it should be noted that all these districts stand very low on the list as regards the number of suits instituted. The experience of the Judges of the High Court fully confirms the results above shown, as cases coming from the Behar districts are generally of an intricate character, and are keenly contested.

In the following statement further details are given of the manner in which suits were disposed of in the Civil Courts in the interior and in the Small Cause Courts separately. The proportion of cases in which the plaintiffs and defendants were respectively successful during the past three years is also shown :—

All Courts, including Small Cause Courts.			Mode of disposal.	Small Cause Courts separately.		
1878.	1879.	1880.		1878.	1879.	1880.
556	613	661	Plaints rejected . .	56	59	70
30,013	37,545	42,738	Default . . .	6,644	7,467	7,702
7,282	7,992	8,448	Withdrawn . . .	1,142	1,266	1,119
15,402	13,158	11,712	Dismissed *ex-parte* .	197	366	203
25,686	25,535	25,701	Dismissed on trial .	3,223	3,409	3,116
79,029	84,843	89,260	Plaintiff loses . .	11,262	12,567	12,210
42,683	46,780	51,344	Compromised . .	7,163	7,524	7,086
46,427	46,140	44,694	Confession . . .	11,684	13,924	12,438
116,313	127,308	130,894	Decreed *ex-parte* . .	15,731	19,223	19,897
68,465	68,226	70,773	Decreed on trial . .	8,090	8,261	7,878
231,205	241,674	246,361	Plaintiff wins . .	35,505	41,408	40,213
42,683	46,780	51,344	Add compromised . .	7,163	7,524	7,086
273,888	288,454	297,705	...	42,668	48,932	47,299

From the above, the following ratios are deducible, showing in what proportion of the whole number of cases decided the plaintiff was successful or the reverse :—

	1878.	1879.	1880.
Plaintiff loses	22·4	22·7	23·06
Compromised	12·1	12·5	13·4
Plaintiff wins	65·5	64·7	63·6

These results show that during the past year the plaintiffs were less successful than usual.

	Percentage. 1879.	1880.
Plaintiff loses . .	20 9	20·5
Compromised . .	13·2	11 9
Plaintiff wins . .	65·9	67·4

In the Courts of Small Causes taken separately, the success of the plaintiff was somewhat greater than in the Courts generally, as will appear from the statement given on the margin.

Applications to set aside ex-parte judgment or judgments in default. *See Table G.*

The following statement shows for each of the past three years the number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex-parte*, compared with the number of applications for setting aside the judgments in such cases made and granted :—

	1878.	1879.	1880.
Number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex-parte*	146,326	164,853	173,632
Number of applications to set aside judgments in such cases	8,832	9,139	8,400
Number of such applications granted	3,051	3,890	4,132

The ratio in 1880 of applications to judgments was the same as in the previous year ; and of the applications made last year, 49·1 per cent. were granted, as compared with 34·5 per cent. in 1879. The proportion is highest in the Courts of Small Causes, by which Courts 58·1 per cent. of the applications made were granted.

Decrees how executed. *See Table II.*

The following statement shows the number of applications for the execution of decrees on which realizations were made in the past three years in full or partial satisfaction, and the amount realised in the Regular Civil Courts :—

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realised. Rs.
1878	70,613	50,069	1,49,51,076
1879	76,013	44,534	1,37,00,646
1880	74,000	44,306	1,47,27,846

The corresponding figures for Small Cause Courts during the past two years are as follows :—

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realised. Rs.
1879	5,940	7,023	3,87,517
1880	5,566	8,144	6,18,084

In the Regular Civil Courts there was an *increase* in the amount realised last year of Rs. 10,27,200, as compared with a decrease of Rs. 12,50,430 in the previous year. In the Small Cause Courts the amount realised in 1880 was nearly double the amount realised in 1879. The following are the districts in which the amount realised in the Regular Civil Courts was greatest :—

	Amount realised. 1879. Rs.	1880. Rs.
Bhaugulpore	10,31,477	12,41,847
24-Pergunnahs	8,52,166	11,25,981
Tirhoot	8,36,269	9,56,621
Backergunge	9,32,981	9,30,617
Patna	6,48,633	7,44,804
Furreedpore	2,73,996	6,70,930
Jessore	4,55,739	6,40,030
Tipperah	4,98,460	6,20,955

The increase in the amount realised in Furreedpore is remarkable.

The following statement shows the number of applications for the execution of decrees disposed of in the past year, on which realisations were made with and without the issue of process, and the amount realised with and without it, in the Regular Civil Courts and in the Small Cause Courts separately :—

		No. of applications.	Amount realised. Rs.
Regular Civil Courts .	With process . .	1,02,183	1,30,75,933
	Without do. . .	17,023	16,51,913
Small Cause Courts .	With process . .	12,153	5,08,116
	Without do. . .	1,557	1,09,968

Taking all the Courts together, it will appear that the issue of process was found to be unnecessary, as in 1879, in 13 per cent. only of the applications on which realisations were effected.

Decrees executed. *See Statement 6.*

In Statement 6, further details will be found regarding the manner in which decrees were executed in 1880. The number of applications for execution, including verbal applications made immediately on delivery of judgment, dealt with by the Civil Courts in the interior, was 323,185, the whole number disposed of 273,450, and the number pending 49,735. Satisfaction in whole or in part was obtained in 132,916 cases. Of the applications disposed of, the creditor's claim was adjusted under Section 258 of the Civil Procedure Code in 41,592 cases, and 132,583 applications were wholly infructuous. This does not mean that so many decrees became inoperative, but merely that those particular attempts to execute were unsuccessful or not persevered with.

The following figures show the comparative frequency of certain modes of execution in the past five years:— Coercive processes.

Year.	Possession given.	Imprisonment of person.	Property sold.	
			Movable.	Immovable.
1876	8,098	3,537	18,847	18,828
1877	7,636	3,922	15,559	23,681
1878	7,588	1,984	8,957	32,248
1879	8,064	2,190	10,299	32,240
1880	8,040	1,775	10,728	27,627

The number of applications upon which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned was not so great in the past as in any of the preceding four years. Of the 8,040 applications upon which possession was given to the decree-holder, in only 127 cases was the property 'movable property.' The number of applications upon which the immovable property owned by the judgment-debtor was sold was not so great as in the previous two years. This no doubt is due to the operation of rules issued by the High Court under Section 287 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the tendency of which has been no doubt to delay sales of immovable property in consequence of some enquiry into the nature of the title sold, so as to ensure a larger price for the debtor. The rules are now under consideration on report of the several District Judges after the experience of their working for one year.

Other modes in which execution was effected were as follows:—In 586 cases the judgment-debtor's immovable property was dealt with under Sections 305, 322, or 326 of the Civil Procedure Code,—that is, opportunity was given to raise money on the property and to satisfy the decree. Specific performance was enforced in 260 cases, and partition was effected in 149 cases; details are not given of the manner in which decrees were executed in 6,677 cases.

The following statement exhibits the number of original miscellaneous cases of *a judicial nature*, which were instituted, determined, and pending in the Regular Civil Courts and in the Small Cause Courts in each of the past two years:—

		Instituted.	Determined.	Pending.
Regular Civil Courts	1879	33,780	34,878	6,874
	1880	32,729	33,495	6,304
Small Cause Courts	1879	3,079	3,046	257
	1880	3,161	3,231	195

The above figures show a decrease in the institutions of this class of cases before Regular Civil Courts and a slight increase in the institutions before Small Cause Courts. Corresponding results are also shown in respect of the disposals. Details are, however, given below of the manner in which these cases were dealt with in the past two years:—

	By Regular Civil Courts.		By Small Cause Courts.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	6,205	6,536	872	860
Decided *ex-parte*	7,644	7,874	492	374
Contested	21,029	19,085	1,682	1,997
Total	34,878	33,495	3,046	3,231

Of the cases decided after contest by the Regular Civil Courts, the applications were granted in 55·09 per cent. and refused in the remainder. Of the whole number decided, 1,061 or 3·1 per cent. were compromised. In Small Cause Courts, 58·4 per cent. of the contested applications decided were granted, the rest being refused; 112 or 3·4 per cent. of the whole number decided were compromised.

Miscellaneous (non-judicial) cases. *See Table II.*

As explained in last year's report, the Court has thought desirable, for purposes connected with the general administration, that returns should be submitted by the Courts of first instance, showing the number of applications of certain classes made to them under the Rent Law, to which it is important that prompt attention should be given. Such are applications for the deposit of rent, applications for assistance to distrain, and applications for the sale of distrained property. The following table shows the total number of such applications instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in each of the past two years :—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1879	35,468	31,680	13,712
1880	33,878	41,639	5,715

From the above statement it will be seen that the pending files of cases of this class have been considerably reduced.

Average duration of cases. *See Table Q.*

The following statement shows the average duration of suits, contested and uncontested, before the several grades of Courts :—

		District Judges. M.	D.	Subordinate Judges. M.	D.	Munsifs. M.	D.	Small Cause Court Judges. M.	D.
Under Ordinary Procedure.	Contested	5	5	7	27	3	15	...	...
	Uncontested	5	12	3	17	1	23	...	...
Under Small Cause Court Procedure.	Contested	...	...	...	18	1	3	...	28
	Uncontested	...	...	...	17	...	28	...	22

On comparing the above figures with those printed at page 13 of the Report for 1879, it will be seen that, with the exception of the cases decided by Subordinate Judges under Small Cause Court procedure and those decided by District Judges after contest, there has been a falling off in the promptitude with which cases have been dealt with. In Tirhoot and Tipperah the trials of contested cases, and in the Courts of the District Judges of Gya and Mymensingh those of uncontested cases, have been greatly prolonged. In Hooghly the long duration of cases (contested—1 year, 2 months, 23 days, and uncontested —11 months, 15 days) decided by the District Judge is also unsatisfactory; but is attributed to the continual interruption to civil work by Sessions duties and to the additional work thrown on him by the recent increase of his local jurisdiction.

III.—SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

I.—The Presidency Small Cause Court.

It was stated, in the Report for 1879, that some difficulty had been experienced in obtaining all the information regarding the Presidency Small Cause Court required for the purposes of that report. This difficulty continued to exist in the past year; but the Judges of the Calcutta Small Cause Court report that they trust that, for the future, matters will be in better order, as registers are now being maintained to provide the information required.

Calcutta Small Cause Court.

The number of suits instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Calcutta Small Cause Court during each of the past two years was as follows :—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1879	37,199	37,051	1,584
1880	35,304	35,600	1,288

Of the 35,304 suits instituted, in 28,439 or 80·5 per cent. the value involved did not exceed Rs. 50; and of these, in 50·8 per cent. the value was very trifling, in no case exceeding Rs. 10. In 706 cases the value exceeded Rs. 500; and of these again in 65 it exceeded Rs. 1,000.

Of the suits disposed of during the past year, 5,527 did not come to trial, having been dismissed for default, or for want of prosecution, or having been withdrawn with leave; 23,337 were decided without contest in the manner shown in the margin, and 6,736 were decided on contest or on reference to arbitration. The number of miscellaneous judicial cases

Compromised . . .	13,062
Decreed on confession .	2,592
Decreed *ex-parte* . .	7,674
Dismissed *ex-parte* . .	9

disposed of by the Court in 1880 was 157. Of these, 55 were commissions received for execution from Courts in the interior, and 102 were distraint cases (not being interpleader claims) under the Distress Act, 1875.

In the past year, 15,197 applications for the execution of decrees were filed in the Calcutta Small Cause Court; of these 15,031 were disposed of, leaving 166 applications pending at the close of the year. Of the applications disposed of, in 11,377 cases the decree was wholly or partly satisfied; in 6,200 cases satisfaction was obtained with, and in 5,177 cases without, the issue of process.

	Rs.
With the issue of process	1,57,996
Without the issue of process	1,89,116

The total amount realised was Rs. 3,47,112 in the past, as compared with Rs. 4,04,149 realised in the previous year.

II.—Small Cause Courts in the interior.

The business coming before the Small Cause Courts in each district is shown in Table A, which has already been noticed. In Table A 1 will be found details for each Court separately. No changes occurred in the past year in the number of such Courts. In the Pubna Small Cause Court, the Subordinate Judge of the district continues to preside.

Small Cause Courts in the interior. *See Table A* 1.

The total number of cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Small Cause Courts during the past two years was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1879	60,340	61,499	3,896
1880	57,316	59,509	2,922

In the past year there was thus a decrease of 3,024 cases filed, and of 1,990 decided, as compared with the previous year. The pending files are consequently lighter. The Courts, or groups of Courts, where the increase or decrease in the number of cases instituted has been greatest, are shown below:—

	Increase.	Decrease.
Cuttack	...	2,108
Dacca and Munsheegunge	1,731	...
Magoorah, &c.	...	773
Jessore	...	718
Kishnaghur	...	563
Furreedpore	503	...
Sealdah	...	462
Kooshtea and Chooadanga	...	468

It is to be remarked that while the total number of cases instituted in 1880 fell short by no less than 3,024 cases of the number instituted in 1879, the number of contested cases decided in the past year was less than the number decided in the previous year by 676 cases only. The decrease has, therefore, been almost entirely in uncontested cases.

The subjoined table shows the number of cases instituted during each of the past four years in the principal Courts and Circles:—

	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.
Magoora, &c.	7,360	6,978	8,637	7,864
Dacca & Munsheegunge	5,661	6,061	5,552	7,283
Jessore	5,102	4,943	5,927	4,209
Kooshtea and Chooadanga	3,554	4,050	5,023	4,555
Kishnaghur, &c.	4,693	5,520	6,338	5,775
Sealdah	4,380	5,581	5,690	5,228
Hooghly, &c.	3,783	4,220	5,130	5,413
Bhaugulpore and Monghyr	3,406	4,222	3,953	4,418
Furreedpore	1,048	1,547	908	1,411

The Small Cause Courts all worked with regularity and kept pace with the work coming before them, so that there were no arrears.

Cases how decided. *See Table F.*

As already stated, 10,994 cases or 18·3 per cent. of the whole number decided in the Courts of Small Causes were contested. The following are the Courts or groups of Courts in which the number of contested cases was greatest in the past two years :—

	1879.	188 .
Sealdah	1,297	1,418
Hooghly, &c.	1,365	1,361
Magoora, &c.	1,310	1,349
Kishnaghur, &c.	1,456	1,093
Dacca and Munsheegunge	821	1,093
Kooshtea and Chooadanga	1,105	883
Jessore	1,080	832
Bhaugulpore and Monghyr	760	625
Cuttack	783	621

Value of suits instituted.

As noticed in previous reports, the increase of work in the Sealdah Small Cause Court had necessitated the appointment of a Registrar, in order to relieve the Judge of much of the routine of the office, and to dispose of petty suits.

Out of 38,491 cases disposed of by officers vested with powers of a Small Cause Court for the trial of the petty suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value, 6,186 or 16 per cent. were contested. It has been shown before, that, of the cases of the Small Cause Court class before officers not vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge, 53,347 did not exceed Rs. 50 in value; besides these, the value in 25,888 suits lay between Rs. 50 and Rs. 100. The Court has already on more than one occasion suggested that the powers vested in Munsifs under Section 29, Act VI of 1871, may be extended to cases of the value of Rs. 100.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

IV.—THE HIGH COURT.

I.—Appeals under Section 15 of the Letters Patent.

The statement in the margin shows the number of appeals under Section 15 of the Letters Patent preferred against the decrees of the High Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction, and decided in each of the past two years. The number of appeals from the decisions of Judges of the High Court in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction before the Court in 1880, including 25 pending from the previous year, was 69, of which 42 were decided, and 27 remained unheard at the close of the year.

Class of Appeals.	Filed.		Decided.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
First appeals	52	44	42	42
Second appeals	...	.	1*	...
Third appeals	36	45	30	55

* The Judges being divided in opinion, Section 575 of the Code no longer allows such appeals

The change in the law (Section 575 of the Code of Civil Procedure) has prevented what used to be known as second appeals. A third appeal is presented against the order of a single Judge passed in an appeal from an appellate decree in a suit valued at less than Rs. 50.

The slight increase in the number of third appeals filed in 1880 is due in some measure to the increase in the appeals decided by a single Judge. In the following table the manner in which "third appeals" were disposed of in the past two years is given :—

	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Disposed of otherwise.
1879	25	...	4	2	...
1880	41	...	8	6	...

Third appeals were preferred from the orders passed in 10·3 per cent. of the 434 appeals decided in the past year by a single Judge of the High Court; and of the whole number of third appeals determined in that year, in nearly 75 per cent. the decision of the single Judge was confirmed; but as the character of this class of appeal was commented upon fully in the report for 1879, it is unnecessary to make further remarks on the subject in the present report.

	Disposed of in 1879.	1880.
Disposed of by a single Judge	294	434
Ditto by a bench of two Judges	409	497
TOTAL	703	931

The figures on the margin show a considerable increase in the number of appeals decided in the past year, particularly in respect of those decided by a single Judge of the Court.

II.—Appeals from Courts in the interior.

CLASS OF APPEALS.	BROUGHT BEFORE THE COURT.		DECIDED.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
First appeals—				
From decrees	366	396	289	356
From orders	197	231	206	252
Second appeals—				
From decrees	3,012	2,566	1,941	2,245
From orders	104	128	100	142

Including cases coming from Assam and British Burmah, the number of first and second appeals from the decrees and orders of the Civil Courts, brought before the High Court and decided in the past two years, is as shown in the margin. Of the first appeals brought before the Court in 1880—26, and of those decided—38, were appeals in contested probate cases.

The following statement shows the manner in which the appeals brought before the Court came upon the file :—

APPEALS FROM			Instituted.	Received by transfer.	On review of Judgment.	Revived.
Original	Decrees		344	10	2	40
	Orders		230	...	...	1
Appellate	Decrees		2,490	...	2	74
	Orders		126	...	...	2

It will be observed that a greater number of appeals has been decided by the Court on the Civil side under every head in the past year than in the year preceding; but nevertheless the High Court has been unable to keep pace with the income of work in appeals from decrees or from appellate decrees, the income exceeding the outturn by 40 cases in the one and by 321 cases in the other class of appeals.

	Increase.
First appeals—	
From decrees	67
From orders	46
Second appeals—	
From decrees	304
From orders	42

The amount of the increase under each head is shown in the margin.

The following statement shows in a more complete form the work which has come before the High Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction during each of the past four years. The increase in criminal business, it will be seen, has been steadily progressive and the rate of increase has been greatest in the year just closed :—

CLASS OF APPEALS.	Brought before the Court.				Decided.			
	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.
FIRST APPEALS From decrees.	343	309	366	396	294	437	289	356
FIRST APPEALS „ orders.	259	198	197	231	251	220	206	252
SECOND APPEALS From decrees.	2,658	2,636	3,012	2,566	3,371	2,963	1,941	2,245
SECOND APPEALS „ orders.	104	139	104	128	135	132	100	142
Appeals under the Letters Patent	141	99	36	45	153	152	31	55
References to a Full Bench	9	13	4	14	11	11	4	16
Applications for review	6	59	45	33	7	61	45	33
References	...	19	24	38	...	21	22	37
Criminal cases	1,107	1,252	1,384	1,515	1,139	1,272	1,318	1,532

In the following table is shown the usual number of Judges at the commencement of each month during the last three years, excluding those on leave or deputation :—

	1878.				1879.				1880.			
	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.
January	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5 (*a*)	6	...	11
February	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	...	11
March	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	1 (*b*)	12
April	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
May	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
June	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6 (*c*)	1	12
July	5	6	1	12	5	5	1	11	5	6 (*d*)	1	12
August	5	5	1	11	4	5	1	10	5	6	1	12
September . . .	3	5	1	9	4	5	1	10	5	6	1	12
October	4	6	1	11	4	5	1	10	5	6 (*e*)	1	12
November . . .	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
December . . .	5	6	1	12	4	6	...	10	4 (*f*)	5 (*g*)	1	10

(*a*). Mr. Justice Broughton resumed his seat as an Officiating Judge on the 5th January 1880.
(*b*). Mr. Justice Mitter resumed his seat as a Judge on the 10th February 1880.
(*c*). Mr. Justice Ainslie retired on the 1st June 1880.
Mr. Justice Jackson vacated his seat as a Judge on the 23rd June 1880.
Mr. Justice Field took his seat as an Officiating Judge on the 23rd June 1880.
(*d*). Mr. Justice Maclean was confirmed in his appointment, with effect from the 23rd July 1880, in the place of Mr. Justice Ainslie, resigned.
(*e*). Mr. Justice Field was confirmed in his appointment, with effect from the 18th October 1880, in succession to Mr. Justice Jackson.
(*f*). Mr. Justice Wilson obtained privilege leave from the 16th November 1880 to the 8th January 1881.
(*g*). Mr. Justice Tottenham obtained privilege leave for two months and seven days, with effect from the 16th November 1880.

The following statement shows the state of the files of the High Court from year to year since its constitution :—

Number of appeals (Civil and Criminal) from the decisions of the Courts in the interior instituted in the years 1862 to 1880.

Year.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Criminal Appeals, &c.	Year.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Criminal Appeals, &c.
1862 . . .	359	1,666	180	781	1872 . . .	290	1,985	347	1,518
1863 . . .	595	3,659	361	798	1873 . . .	327	3,024	405	1,438
1864 . . .	485	3,728	495	868	1874 . . .	348	3,225	535	1,370
1865 . . .	417	3,633	715	1,040	1875 . . .	329	2,066	400	1,159
1866 . . .	460	3,438	854	1,121	1876 . . .	367	2,945	413	1,210
1867 . . .	382	3,466	665	1,396	1877 . . .	343	2,658	363	1,107
1868 . . .	273	3,334	557	1,095	1878 . . .	302	2,621	337	1,248
1869 . . .	285	3,047	558	1,214	1879 . . .	358	3,001	297	1,271
1870 . . .	296	2,731	492	1,296	1880 . . .	354	2,490	356	1,406
1871 . . .	287	1,397	365	1,294					

Districts from which appeals came.
See Table V.

Of the 354 appeals from original decrees instituted during the past year, 10 came from Assam and 3 from British Burmah. Of the 341 appeals pertaining to the Lower Provinces of Bengal, the largest numbers came from the following districts, *viz.* :—

Tirhoot	51
Bhaugulpore	32
Patna	31
Sarun	22
24-Pergunnahs	21

The number of such cases received from each of the remaining districts was comparatively small, especially from Backergunge, Chittagong, Dinagepore, and Noakhally.

The following statement exhibits separately for each province the value of appeals from original and appellate decrees instituted during the past year :— Appeals classed according to value.

	Appeals from Original Decrees.		Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	
	Valued at Rs. 10,000 and upwards.	Valued at less than Rs. 10,000.	Valued at more than Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 50 in value.
Lower Provinces of Bengal . .	87	254	1,437	924
Assam	3	7	80	49
British Burmah	...	3	...	...

It will be observed that, of the appeals from Original Decrees, 90 or 25·4 per cent. were valued at Rs. 10,000 and upwards. Of the appeals against appellate decrees, 973 or 37·8 per cent. of the whole were of a value not exceeding Rs. 50.

The greatest number of these petty appeals came from the following districts, *viz.* : Dacca (130), Sarun (74), Tirhoot (74), Tipperah (70), Patna (68), and Jessore (64.)

The following table shows more in detail the value of appeals from the original and appellate decrees of the Courts in the interior, and of third appeals under the Letters Patent instituted during the year :—

Value.	Appeals from original decrees of Courts in the interior.	Appeals from appellate decrees of Courts in the interior.	Third appeals under the Letters Patent.
Not exceeding Rs. 10	...	266	5
„ „ „ 50	1	707	40
„ „ „ 100	...	393	...
„ „ „ 500	20	731	...
„ „ „ 1,000	26	198	...
„ „ „ 5,000	85	189	...
„ „ „ 10,000	113	...	...
„ „ „ 100,000	69	...	...
Exceeding „ 100,000	8	...	...
Value not denotable	32*a*	6*b*	...
Total .	354*c*	2,490	45

(*a*) 26 of these are will cases. (*b*) These are cases for declaration of title. (*c*) This includes 3 appeals from Moulmein.

Forty-nine appeals from original decrees, 84 appeals from appellate decrees, and 18 miscellaneous appeals did not come to a hearing, having been dismissed in default, withdrawn, or compromised. Result of Appeals. *See Table Z.*

The details are as follows :—

	Appeals from original decrees.	Appeals from appellate decrees.	Miscellaneous appeals.
Dismissed in default . . .	29	65	15
Withdrawn	13	8	3
Compromised	7	11	...

The result of appeal as affecting the decisions of the Lower Courts in the cases decided on trial is shown in the following table :—

	Appeals from original decrees.	Appeals from appellate decrees.	Miscellaneous appeals.
Affirmed	172	1,661	279
Reversed	83	116	64
Varied	26	40	10
Remanded	24	312	23

The ratio of cases in which the decisions of the Lower Courts were reversed or varied was 35·6 per cent. in appeals from original decrees, 8·6 per cent. in appeals from appellate decrees, and 19·6 per cent. in miscellaneous appeals.

The following table shows the result of appeals decided by the High Court as affecting District and Subordinate Judges:—

	Affirmed.		Modified or reversed.	
	Judges.	Subordinate Judges.	Judges.	Subordinate Judges.
Appeals from Original Decrees . .	56·2	56·6	35·4	35·7
Appeals from Appellate Decrees . .	76·3	77·4	7·4	9·9
Miscellaneous Appeals	70·5	78·4	19·6	18·6

The proportion of cases, in which orders of remand were passed or the Lower Court was directed to take further evidence, to the number decided by the High Court is given in the margin. A comparison with the similar returns for the two preceding years shows an increase. Cases so dealt with amounted to 12·6 per cent. of the whole number in the past year, as compared with 10·5 per cent. in the previous year. These cases related principally to the districts of the 24-Pergunnahs, Sarun, Patna, Tirhoot, and Burdwan.

	Percentage.		
	1878.	1879.	1880.
Appeals from Original Decrees . .	7·6	4·27	7·86
Appeals from Appellate Decrees . .	12·9	11·9	14·4
Miscellaneous Appeals	5·6	6·1	6·1

Appeals to the Privy Council.

The following statement shows the number of appeals to Her Majesty in Council filed in the High Court on the Appellate Side since the institution of the Court:—

Years.	Total number of appeals filed.				Appeals struck off, compromised, &c.				Despatched to England.			
	In first Appeals.		In Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In first Appeals.		In Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In first Appeals.		In Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous.
	Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs. 10,000.			Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs. 10,000.			Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs. 10,000.		
1862	9	3	3	...	2	3	3	...	7	...	...	...
1863	76	17	4	...	32	10	2	...	44	7	2	...
1864	98	22	10	1	49	16	9	1	49	6	1	...
1865	58	13	11	2	21	10	6	1	37	3	5	1
1866	47	12	7	5	16	7	4	3	31	5	3	2
1867	30	11	54	2	15	3	2	1	15	8	52	1
1868	40	15	9	5	16	8	7	1	24	7	2	4
1869	38	4	1	3	7	1	...	2	31	3	1	1
1870	29	13	4	10	5	7	2	7	24	6	2	3
1871	16	7	6	2	2	3	3	2	14	4	3	...
1872	11	8	6	6	2	5	5	6	9	3	1	...
1873	24	10	8	4	9	8	6	1	15	2	2	2
1874	28	15	17	11	7	9	14	10	21	6	3	1
1875	24	9	6	4	12	4	5	1	12	5	1	3
1876	19	21	6	5	13	11	2	4	5	12	4	1
1877	29	18	6	12	13	12	6	9	15	2	...	3
1878	28	6	11	10	12	5	10	4	16	1	1	2
1879	33	13	4	7	21	10	2	4	12	3	2	3
1880	22	10	5	8	13	6	2	3	5	...	2	...
Total .	659	227	178	97	267	138	90	60	386	83	87	27

Of 1,161 cases filed in the past 18½ years, 555 were struck off, compromised, &c., and 583 were despatched to England; 23 cases were pending preparation and despatch to England at the close of 1880.

The following table shows the result of appeals to the Privy Council in which the judgments on appeal were received during the past six years. Besides the cases here entered as disposed of in 1880, one appeal was dismissed for want of prosecution :—

Year.	Judgments received from Privy Council.	Decision of the Court affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.
1875	26	14	5	6	1
1876	14	10	2	2	...
1877	11	7	...	3	1
1878	9	4	3	2	...
1879	22	12	8	2	...
1880	18	11	7	...	...
Total	100	58	25	15	2

V.—APPELLATE COURTS UNDER THE HIGH COURT.

The number of appeals in regular suits instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Local Courts during the past three years, was as follows :— Appeals instituted. *See Table J.*

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1878	18,603	19,462	10,281
1879	19,479	19,486	10,771
1880	19,529	17,559	13,143

The above figures show an increase of only 50 in the total number of appeals preferred during the past year. Taking, however, each district separately, the increase or decrease (as the case may be) was most marked in the districts noted on the margin. These results are mainly attributable to the fluctuation in the number of original suits.

	Increase.	Decrease.
Patna	449	...
Backergunge	312	...
Nuddea	...	217
Dacca	...	217
Shahabad	...	170
Burdwan	...	159
Bancoora	155	...
24-Pergunnahs	...	130
Midnapore	...	113
Moorshedabad	...	108
Pubna	98	...
Chittagong	89	...
Rajshahye	78	...

Although there was very little variation (50 cases) in the number of appeals preferred during the past year, as compared with the same return of the previous year, the number of appeals decided fell off considerably, *viz.*, by 1,927 cases. In Beerbhoom, Nuddea, Jessore, Moorshedabad, Dinagepore, Dacca, and Cuttack, however, the number of appeals decided exceeded the number instituted; while in the remaining districts the contrary result is exhibited.

In consequence of this result there has been a considerable accumulation of arrears, as the pending files show an increase of 2,372 appeals over those pending at the close of 1879. The increase was greatest in the Appellate Courts of Mymensingh (492), Hooghly (385), Chittagong (371), Sarun (316), Shahabad (300), and 24-Pergunnahs (255). In Hooghly and Shahabad the increase of the pending files is attributed by the District Judges to the fact that more criminal work came before the Courts during the past year, so that a sufficient number of days could not be devoted to civil duties. The District Judge of Mymensingh reports that the increase was due to the small number of Appellate Courts in the District.

From the figures given in Table K, it will be observed that the number of decisions in Courts in the interior, in which an appeal lay to the District Court in the past year, was 74,826, as compared with 72,640 in the previous year. The ratio of appeals to decisions was therefore 26·09 per cent., as compared with 26·81 per cent. The percentage was highest in the districts named on the margin. With the exception of Cuttack, all of these districts are situated within the Patna Division, in which, as already stated, the suits are most keenly contested. Ratio of Appeals to decisions. *See Table K*

	Percentage.
Patna	51·40
Sarun	47·72
Shahabad	45·96
Gya	44·63
Tirhoot	42·64
Cuttack	39·29

Appeals classed. *See Table L.*

The following figures show for each of the two past years the number of appeals filed under each of the three chief classes :—

	In suits for money or movables.	In suits under the Rent Law.	In title and other suits.
1879	3,699	8,386	7,394
1880	3,769	8,387	7,373

It thus appears that the increase in appeals is principally in suits for money or movables.

Appeals valued *See Table M.*

The value of appeals of each of these three classes instituted in 1879 and 1880 is shown in the following statement :—

	In suits for money or movables. Rs.	In suits under the Rent Law. Rs.	In title and other suits. Rs.
1879	6,07,343	6,90,628	15,79,211
1880	6,61,119	5,83,556	13,08,809

The total value of appeals filed was thus Rs. 27,53,484, as compared with Rs. 28,77,182 in 1879, showing a decrease of Rs. 1,23,698. The decrease is chiefly in respect of appeals in rent suits.

The following table gives details of the value of appeals filed in the past year in the Civil Courts :—

Scale of Values.	Number of Appeals. In suits for money or movables.	In suits under the Rent Law.	In title and other suits.	Total.
Not exceeding Rs. 10	255	2,296	772	3,323
„ „ 50	1,093	3,650	2,561	7,304
„ „ 100	951	1,263	1,439	3,653
„ „ 500	1,192	986	1,839	4,017
„ „ 1,000	184	126	309	619
„ „ 5,000	94	54	342	490
Value not stated	...	12	111	123
Total . .	3,769	8,387	7,373	19,529

Out of 19,529 appeals, the District and Subordinate Judges were both competent to try 19,039 or 97·49 per cent. In the remainder, *i.e.*, 490 cases, or in 2·51 per cent., the appeal lay only to the District Judge, the Court of first instance being the Subordinate Judge. In 17,559 appeals only, a second appeal lay to the High Court in consequence either of Section 102 of the Rent Law or Section 584 of the Code of Civil Procedure; but in many of these cases no second appeal could be preferred, as the cases turned only on matters of fact.

Appeals how disposed of. *See Table N.*

The following statement shows the result of appeals in the past two years as affecting the decisions of the Lower Courts :—

	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.
1879 . . .	12,055	1,764	3,900	655	1,112
1880 . . .	10,402	1,760	3,708	597	1,092

These figures show a decrease under each head. The proportion is generally unfavourable to the Courts of first instance.

The following comparative table shows the percentage of decisions confirmed, modified, &c., during the past three years:—

	1878.	1879.	1880.
Confirmed	64·6	61·86	59·24
Modified	9·6	9·05	10·02
Reversed	21·5	20·02	21·11
Remanded	4·1	3·36	3·34

The proportion of cases, in which the decision of the first Court was upheld, was favourable in Dinagepore, where it was 74 per cent.; in Sarun, where it was 72 per cent.; in Cuttack and Tirhoot, where it was nearly 71 per cent.; and in Beerbhoom, 24-Pergunnahs, Rajshahye, and Dacca, where it was a little over 65 per cent. The proportion was very small in Backergunge and Nuddea.

Appeals in Miscellaneous cases. *See Table O.*

The number of appeals in miscellaneous cases instituted, disposed of, and pending during the past two years, was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1879	1,460	1,418	687
1880	1,185	1,428	464

A decrease is apparent in the total number of miscellaneous appeals instituted in the past year, and a reference to Table O shows that the districts of Mymensingh and Tirhoot are most prominent in this respect. Miscellaneous appeals are heard only by District Judges, except under special orders of the High Court, under Section 27 of the Bengal Civil Courts Act.

VI.—GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.

Work done by District Judges. *See Table P 1.*

The following table shows the work done by District Judges during the past four years:—

	Days.							
	Civil.	Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Sessions trials.	Criminal Appeals.
1877	4,301	2,529	189	8,565	8,170	1,661	1,293	3,249
1878	4,284	2,742	130	8,670	8,025	1,435	1,410	2,801
1879	4,229	2,972	231	6,733	7,529	1,205	1,404	2,770
1880	3,994	3,179	251	6,889	7,775	1,289	1,573	3,194

The gradual increase in the number of Original Suits decided, and of Sessions trials held, and Criminal Appeals heard, is remarkable. The first is, no doubt, due to the larger number of contentious cases, under the Indian Succession Act, which can be tried by the District Judge alone. Such cases occupy a considerable portion of the time of District Judges, especially in districts adjoining Calcutta; but no doubt in course of time such cases will increase generally.

The increase of Criminal work thus shown has extended to the High Court, as has already been noticed.

Work done by Additional Judges. *See Table P 2.*

The following statement shows the amount of work—Civil and Criminal—done by Additional Judges during the past four years:—

	Days.							
	Civil.	Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Sessions trials.	Criminal Appeals.
1877	334	340	7	345	635	228	183	72
1878	463	300	13	491	688	74	252	184
1879	401	311	8	491	639	115	278	41
1880	275	198	6	154	517	74	133	...

The decrease in the amount of work done by Additional Judges is mainly owing to the reduced number of such officers employed during 1880.

Work done by Subordinate Judges. *See Table P 3.*

The amount of work done by Subordinate Judges during the past four years was as follows:—

	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Cases.	Appeals.	
			Regular.	Miscellaneous.
1877	4,866	13,860	10,848	27
1878	5,889	12,211	10,748	59
1879	5,783	7,924	11,318	88
1880	5,147	7,427	9,267	65

The miscellaneous appeals were heard by the Deputy Commissioners, who are also Subordinate Judges, in Chota Nagpore, and by the Subordinate Judges of Nuddea and Backergunge under exceptional circumstances.

In Cuttack the Subordinate Judge is vested with the powers of a Munsif; and under these powers he disposed of some cases which are included in the above figures. In Purneah the Subordinate Judge is vested with the powers of a Judge of a Small Cause Court for the trial of cases cognizable by such Courts to the limit of Rs. 50 in value. In the past year a second Subordinate Judge was employed temporarily for a portion of that year in Furreedpore. This officer decided 169 appeals.

There has been a remarkable falling off in the work of the Subordinate Judges, and this is most conspicuous in the Districts of Bhaugulpore, Chittagong, Hooghly, and Jessore, which has received, and is still receiving, the special attention of the High Court.

Work done by Munsifs. *See Table P 4.*

The following figures show the number of suits and miscellaneous cases disposed of by Munsifs during the past three years :—

	Suits under ordinary Procedure.		Under Small Cause Court Powers.			
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Total.	Miscellaneous cases.
1878 . .	74,192	185,452	6,168	27,143	292,955	219,987
1879 . .	73,928	197,698	5,827	28,910	306,363	171,255
1880 . .	77,055	207,183	6,084	31,730	322,052	179,411

Three more Munsifs were employed during the year under review than during 1879, but nevertheless the results are very satisfactory.

Receipts and charges of the Civil Courts. *See Tables R and S.*

Including the High Court and the Presidency Small Cause Court, the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts in the past year were as shown in the margin. The general financial result is a surplus of Rs. 30,07,025. Taking the Courts at the Presidency separately, there is an excess of charges over receipts amounting to Rs. 2,00,334. The details are as follows :—

	Rs.
Receipts	71,77,015
Charges	41,69,990
Surplus	30,07,025

Courts at the Presidency.

		Receipts. Rs.		Charges. Rs.
In stamps	Process fees . .	2,87,006	Salaries of Judicial Officers .	5,98,067
	Other fees . . .	5,72,698	Establishment. Process-servers .	5,989
In cash	Fines	428	Establishment. Others . . .	4,66,234
	Other receipts . .	1,10,196	Contingencies and refunds . .	1,00,272
	Total .	9,70,328	Total .	11,70,662

Courts in the Interior.

	Rs.
Receipts	62,06,687
Charges	29,99,328
Surplus	32,07,359

Taking the Civil Courts in the interior separately, the net financial result for the past year was a surplus of Rs. 32,07,359, as shown in the margin.

The account for the last three years may be thus stated :—

	Receipts. Rs.	Charges. Rs.	Surplus. Rs.
1878	50,77,205	24,15,687	26,61,518
1879	55,27,938	23,43,172	31,84,766
1880	56,00,975	23,93,616	32,07,359

These figures show that the surplus of last year exceeded that in the previous year by Rs. 22,593, which in its turn exceeded that of 1878 by Rs. 5,23,248, so that in the past two years the surplus has increased by about 5½ lakhs of rupees. This statement does not include the charges on account of process-servers who are paid by regular salaries amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 6,05,712 for the year under review.

The following statement gives, separately, details of the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts in the interior in the past year :—

Receipts.		Rs.	Charges.		Rs.
In stamps	Process fees	16,87,035	Salaries of Judicial Officers		14,76,256
	Other fees	41,85,456	Establishment.	Process-servers	6,05,712
In cash or special stamps	Fines	13,533		Salaried copying and comparing clerks	3,817
	Copying and comparing fees	2,32,552		Others	7,03,226
	Other receipts	88,111	Contingencies.	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment	91,113
				Other contingencies and refunds	1,19,204
	TOTAL	62,06,687		TOTAL	29,99,238

Deducting the costs of process-servers and of copying and comparing clerks, the net receipts from stamps amounted to Rs. 54,04,401; and under the head of process fees separately, the net gain to Government in the past year was Rs. 10,81,323, as compared with Rs. 9,48,616 gained in the previous year.

It was stated in the beginning of this report that a new system for the preparation of copies in the Civil and Criminal Courts in the Lower Provinces had been introduced in the past year, under which the fees to be derived from the persons applying for copies of documents are realised by special stamps provided for the purpose. The following figures show the results of this system during the past year :—

	Rs.	Rs.
Copying and comparing fees realised by special stamps		2,32,552
Deduct—		
Salary of copying and comparing clerks on the fixed establishment	3,817	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment	91,113	
		94,930
Surplus		1,37,622

These figures show that a considerable surplus amounting to Rs. 1,37,622 has been obtained by Government. Besides the fees referred to above, persons desirous of obtaining their copies on the day on which the application is made are required to pay a special fee—termed "expedition fee." No separate record of these fees is, however, available at present; but it is in contemplation to submit to Government a fuller report on the subject of the new scheme.

The following statement shows the gross receipts and charges of the several grades of Courts in the past year, and whether a surplus or deficit has resulted :—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Results—*plus* or *minus*.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Courts in the Interior—			
Small Cause Courts	3,86,517	1,75,089	+2,11,428
Munsifs' Courts	39,11,940	14,59,311	+24,52,639
Subordinate Judges' Courts	11,83,122	5,01,832	+6,81,290
District and Additional Judges' Courts	7,25,108	8,63,096	—1,37,988
Courts at the Presidency—			
Small Cause Courts	2,79,638	2,07,730	+71,908
High Courts (Original and Appellate)	6,90,690	9,62,932	—2,72,242

It appears that in every grade of Court in the Mofussil, except in the highest grade (that of District Judges), the receipts have largely exceeded the expenditure. The results for the past year are, moreover, more favourable in the Courts of Munsifs and of District Judges than in the previous year. At the Presidency, the Courts of Small Causes show a surplus of Rs. 71,908; but the charges on the Appellate Side of the High Court exceeded the receipts by Rs. 4,41,015.

Probates, &c. *See T.*

On probates and letters of administration, Rs. 2,95,485 were realised in the past, as compared with Rs. 3,18,404 in the previous year. The amount levied in the District Courts was Rs. 1,22,318 in 1880, as compared with Rs. 1,01,869 in 1879. In the High Court, omitting cases where the assets were exclusively in Assam, the amount of duty realised was Rs. 1,73,167, as compared with Rs. 2,90,790 in 1879.

The sums here exhibited are treated in account as receipts of the Civil Courts. Deducting them, the surplus or net revenue realised from these Courts is reduced to Rs. 27,11,450.

Civil Court Ameens. *See Table U.*

The receipts and disbursements on account of Ameens during the past two years were as follows:—

		Receipts.	Disbursements.
		Rs.	Rs.
1879	Permanent Ameens	38,100	35,462
	Temporary Do.	1,193	1,054
1880	Permament Ameens	35,167	34,585
	Temporary Do.	2,717	2,651

The receipts thus exceeded the expenditure, including an allowance of 10 per cent. for pensions, by only Rs. 648, as against Rs. 2,777 in the previous year. In Tirhoot, Rungpore, Shahabad, Furreedpore, and Chota Nagpore, a considerable deficit appears.

Local investigations. *See Table V.*

The number of cases in which local investigations were held and completed last year was 1,670.

The average value involved in the suits in which the investigation was made was Rs. 759, and the average cost Rs. 30.

The number of investigations held last year was less than the number held in 1879 by 42 cases. There was a considerable decrease in cases not exceeding Rs. 20 in value.

Proceedings in Insolvency. *See Table W.*

The following statement exhibits the number of applications for a declaration of insolvency filed, disposed of, and pending in 1879 and 1880—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1879	186	165	44
1880	275	256	63

The number of fresh applications was considerably larger in the past than in the previous year, and is likely to increase year by year as the law becomes better understood. Such applications were most numerous in the following districts, *viz.*:—

	Filed in	
	1879.	1880.
Patna	11	26
Dacca	17	23
Hooghly	13	22
24-Pergunnahs	14	21
Midnapore	13	17

The only districts in which applications were less frequent are Noakhally, Tipperah, and Cuttack. The District Judge of Patna reports in the following terms on this subject:—

"I do not think that this Chapter (XX) of the Code (Act X of 1877) has worked well. The only use made of it is by debtors who wish to be released from arrest. The new Code has put many difficulties in the way of the sale of a debtor's property, and this circumstance, coupled with a reduction in the charge for a warrant of arrest, has led to a considerable increase in the number of executions taken out against the person. To be saved from jail, the debtor announces, under Section 336, that he intends to apply to be declared an insolvent, and so is released on security. He then either settles with his creditor or applies to the District Court to be declared an insolvent; but in the latter case his real object is still merely to obtain protection.

"In one case, a number of ryots were arrested in execution of decrees for rent, and immediately informed the Munsif that they intended to apply to be declared insolvents. The Munsif released them on security, and they afterwards filed applications before me. On looking into their schedules, I found that they had more property than was necessary for the payment of the decrees, and that they had no other debts. I asked them why they did not sell their properties

rather than apply to be made insolvents; and they explained that the decrees against them having been affirmed by the Appellate Court they had preferred special appeals and did not wish to sell their properties until the result should be known.

"It would be better, I think, if the insolvency jurisdiction could be exercised by the Court executing the decree, or if the petition could be referred to that Court for enquiry. The District Judge knows nothing of the circumstances of the particular case, and finds it very difficult to decide if the applicant is speaking the truth.

"The insolvencies are commonly of so petty a nature that it is a heavy burden both on the creditors and on the debtors to have the cases brought into the Judge's Court. The pleader's fees there are higher, and the process fees are double; two rupees have to be paid for each notice on a creditor. One insolvent had 32 petty creditors, so that the charge for service of notice was Rs. 64."

The District Judge of Sarun, in commenting on the results shown in his returns, thus reports:—

"The provisions of the law in relation to insolvency have not worked well in this district. Seven applications were made during the year, of which only one was granted, and that with some hesitation; applications appear to be made either for the obvious purpose of defrauding the creditors or when the applicant is reduced to absolute destitution and has no assets to divide among them. I have not yet seen, in my experience of this class of case since the passing of Act X of 1877, a single case in which the person applying to be declared an insolvent has put at the disposal of the Court property to be divided among the creditors. In one case during the year, the bad faith of the applicant was so glaring that he was sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with and was punished by him."

The High Court submit these observations without any comment, as the subject of insolvency is now under consideration, and will be specially reported on at the close of the current year.

Of the whole number of applications before the Court in the past year, 86 were granted, 83 were refused, 87 were not prosecuted, and 63 were pending at the end of the year. Applications how disposed of.

On 6 applications, out of 83 rejected, sentence of imprisonment was passed under Section 359 of the Code of Civil Procedure. In one case, an applicant was sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with according to law.

The following statement shows the number of persons declared to be insolvents during the past as compared with the previous year, the number who obtained their discharge, and who remained undischarged in the same period:— Number of persons declared to be insolvent, discharged, and pending. *See Table W1*

	Declared to be insolvent.	Discharged.	Pending.
1879	41	43	3
1880	86	85	4

	1879.	1880.
24-Pergunnahs . .	4	9
Backergunge . .	2	9
Patna . .	1	8
Moorshedabad . .	2	7
Tipperah . .	4	7

In the districts noted on the margin, the largest number of persons were declared to be insolvents. No such declaration was made in Cuttack, Furreedpore, Pubna, and Chota Nagpore.

Six insolvents' estates were placed in the hands of Receivers during the year, the returns of the previous year showing only one such case. The following statement shows the amount realised and disbursed and the balance in the hands of such officers during each of the past two years:— Receivers in insolvency.

	Amount realised.	Amount disbursed.	Balance
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1879	31	...	138
1880	1,511	105	1,544

The following changes took place in the ranks of the Subordinate Judicial Service during the year. Changes in the Subordinate Judicial Service.

The undermentioned Munsifs left the service:—

Munsifs.

DIED . . { Muthura Lal Roy. / Ramdayal Ghose.

Retired on pension—Padma Lochun Das (since dead).

The following Munsifs were promoted to Subordinate Judgeships :—

Name.	Service.			District to which appointed.
	Y.	M.	D.	
Koylash Chunder Mookerjee, B. L.	13	1	3	Tirhoot.
Troylukhya Nath Mitter, B. L.	13	11	5	Jessore.
Aughor Nath Ghose, B. L.	13	3	2	Dinagepore.

The following gentlemen were nominated to permanent Munsifships :—

Name.	Degree or other qualification.	Date of qualification.	Districts to which appointed.
Gobind Chundra Bysack . . .	B. L.	3rd February 1875	Rungpore.
Kali Prosunno Bose	L. L.	2nd February 1870	Backergunge.
Mr. A. C. Mitter	Barrister-at-Law	.....	24-Pergunnahs
Devendro Chundra Mookerjee . .	Committee Examination.	6th May 1874	Chota Nagpore
Prosunno Kumar Bose . . .	B. L.	18th February 1874	Rungpore.
Khetter Mohun Mitter . . .	L. L.	Ditto.	Mymensingh.
Juggut Chundra Dass . . .	L. L.	14th February 1872	Ditto.
Tara Churn Sen	B. L.	18th February 1874	Chittagong.
Purno Chunder Banerjee . . .	L. L.	12th February 1872	Purneah.
Gobind Deb Mookerjee . . .	M. A. & B. L.	Ditto.	Burdwan.

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Original cases instituted, disposed of and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Division.	District.	Court.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
			1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Burdwan	Burdwan ...	Reg. ...	14,309	11,648	14,049	11,483	2,096	1,997
	Bancoora ...	Reg. ...	4,423	7,062	4,465	6,906	694	905
	Beerbhoom ...	Reg. ...	4,577	4,878	4,293	4,971	803	772
	Midnapore ...	Reg. ...	16,875	17,942	16,799	15,733	3,056	5,461
		S. C. ...	872	656	858	691	68	43
	Hooghly ...	Reg. ...	11,415	13,251	11,023	13,222	2,067	2,296
		S. C. ...	5,130	5,413	4,993	5,364	448	551
		Total ...	**57,601**	**60,850**	**56,480**	**58,370**	**9,232**	**12,025**
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	Reg. ...	21,660	21,426	22,116	21,414	2,443	2,698
		S. C. ...	5,892	5,387	6,052	5,879	479	160
	Nuddea ...	Reg. ...	9,069	8,003	9,392	8,428	1,064	825
		S. C. ...	11,361	10,330	11,798	10,547	340	277
	Jessore ...	Reg. ...	20,466	22,122	21,034	22,083	1,526	2,007
		S. C. ...	14,564	12,073	14,725	12,804	893	507
	Moorshedabad ...	Reg. ...	10,895	11,737	11,329	11,140	846	1,536
		S. C. ...	215	245	206	252	17	10
		Total ...	**94,122**	**91,323**	**96,652**	**92,547**	**7,608**	**8,020**
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar ...	Dinagepore ...	Reg. ...	7,497	6,666	7,608	6,805	760	768
		S. C. ...	988	1,069	1,017	1,003	83	152
	Rajshahye ...	Reg. ...	5,540	7,122	5,642	6,853	686	1,021
		S. C. ...	629	718	624	712	47	67
	Rungpore ...	Reg. ...	15,465	13,646	15,751	14,007	2,581	2,417
	Pubna and Bogra ...	Reg. ...	6,647	6,808	6,519	6,804	1,189	1,287
		S. C. ...	1,532	1,864	1,621	1,874	96	95
		Total ...	**38,298**	**37,893**	**38,731**	**38,058**	**5,442**	**5,807**
Dacca	Dacca ...	Reg. ...	16,189	18,383	16,114	17,852	2,664	3,197
		S. C. ...	5,552	7,283	5,577	7,625	523	444
	Furreedpore ...	Reg. ...	13,793	17,511	13,720	17,157	1,784	2,286
		S. C. ...	908	1,411	963	1,413	49	65
	Backergunge ...	Reg. ...	18,684	19,755	17,122	21,402	4,062	2,890
		S. C. ...	2,256	2,025	2,356	2,108	87	94
	Mymensingh ...	Reg. ...	17,296	19,593	17,458	19,805	2,693	2,628
	Tipperah ...	Reg. ...	18,965	19,399	17,956	19,121	3,709	4,150
		Total ...	**93,643**	**1,05,360**	**91,266**	**1,06,483**	**15,571**	**15,754**
Chittagong ...	Chittagong ...	Reg. ...	14,606	13,479	14,442	13,879	1,733	1,524
	Noakhally ...	Reg. ...	13,752	10,853	12,884	12,203	2,397	1,171
		Total ...	**28,358**	**24,332**	**27,326**	**26,082**	**4,130**	**2,695**
Patna	Patna ...	Reg. ...	3,242	4,049	3,299	4,009	1,223	1,385
		S. C. ...	1,513	1,557	1,597	1,641	129	67
	Gya ...	Reg. ...	2,564	2,624	2,375	2,448	645	869
	Shahabad ...	Reg. ...	6,044	6,510	5,922	6,338	1,248	1,460
	Tirhoot ...	Reg. ...	6,752	7,454	7,167	7,527	2,147	2,167
	Sarun ...	Reg. ...	4,711	5,685	4,575	5,416	1,337	1,690
		Total ..	**24,826**	**27,879**	**24,935**	**27,379**	**6,729**	**7,638**
Bhagulpore ...	Bhagulpore ...	Reg. ...	9,500	10,655	9,480	10,149	1,099	1,114
		S. C. ...	3,953	4,418	4,092	4,425	239	282
	Purneah ...	Reg. ...	8,203	8,054	8,580	8,088	925	966
		Total ...	**21,656**	**22,527**	**22,152**	**22,662**	**2,263**	**2,362**
Orissa	Cuttack ...	Reg. ...	6,811	7,216	6,151	7,920	1,547	929
		S. C. ...	4,975	2,867	5,020	3,171	398	108
		Total ...	**11,786**	**10,083**	**11,171**	**11,091**	**1,945**	**1,037**
Chota Nagpore ...	Chota Nagpore ...	Reg. ...	4,492	4,317	4,533	4,293	556	644
	Total ...	Reg. ...	3,14,443	3,27,248	3,11,798	3,27,456	49,577	53,060
		S. C. ...	60,340	57,316	61,499	59,509	3,896	2,922
	GRAND TOTAL ...	...	3,74,783	3,84,564	3,73,297	3,86,965	53,473	55,982

A 1.

Original cases instituted, disposed of and pending in each of the Courts of Small Causes in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
BURDWAN ...	Midnapore	872	656	858	691	68	43
	Hooghly	822	1,051	798	1,048	93	115
	Serampore	1,573	1,559	1,494	1,524	150	200
	Howrah	2,735	2,803	2,701	2,792	205	236
PRESIDENCY ...	Sealdah	5,690	5,228	5,816	5,719	478	160
	Dum-Dum Cantonment ...	70	41	70	42	1	...
	Barrackpore Ditto ...	132	118	136	118	...	...
	Kishnaghur	2,225	2,199	2,292	2,224	28	31
	Ranaghat	2,329	1,808	2,391	1,812	48	71
	Meherpore	1,784	1,768	1,752	1,838	97	46
	Koosteah	2,980	2,939	3,159	3,016	132	118
	Chooadangah ...	2,043	1,616	2,204	1,657	35	11
	Jessore	5,927	4,209	6,182	4,314	28	56
	Magoorah	1,847	1,943	1,892	1,992	122	101
	Jhenidah	3,688	2,673	3,386	3,132	469	77
	Narail	3,102	3,248	3,265	3,366	274	273
RAJSHAHYE ...	Berhampore Small Cause Court	215	245	206	252	17	10
	Beauleah	629	718	624	712	47	67
	Pubna	1,532	1,864	1,621	1,874	96	95
COOCH BEHAR ...	Darjeeling	988	1,069	1,017	1,003	83	152
DACCA	Dacca	3,353	4,025	3,304	4,170	311	228
	Moonsheegunge ...	2,199	3,258	2,273	3,455	212	216
	Furreedpore	908	1,411	963	1,413	49	65
	Backergunge... ...	2,256	2,025	2,356	2,108	87	94
PATNA	Patna	1,328	1,388	1,414	1,468	114	56
	Dinapore Cantonment ...	185	169	183	173	15	11
BHAGULPORE ...	Monghyr	2,242	2,464	2,294	2,455	131	170
	Bhaugulpore... ...	1,711	1,954	1,798	1,970	108	112
ORISSA	Cuttack	4,975	2,867	5,020	3,171	398	108
	Total ...	60,340	57,316	61,499	59,509	3,896	2,922

B.

Suits and appeals pending more than one year at the close of 1879 and 1880.

Division.	District.	1879.		1880.		Remarks.
		Suits.	Appeals.	Suits.	Appeals.	
Burdwan ...	Burdwan ...	...	...	2	25	
	Bancoora ...	8	143			
	Beerbhoom ...	...	...	...	...	
	Midnapore ...	4	17	8	125	
	Hooghly ...	5	6	9	105	
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	6	...	21	7	
	Nuddea ...	...	115	...	66	
	Jessore ...	3	...	1	3	
	Moorshedabad ...	1	...	3	2	
Rajshahye ...	Dinagepore ...	...	...	2	...	
	Rajshahye ...	1	...	2	1	
	Rungpore ...	6	...	5	1	
	Pubna ...	6	...	...	...	
Dacca... ...	Dacca ..	7	6	19	...	
	Furreedpore ...	6	29	6	36	
	Backergunge ...	10	...	1	3	
	Mymensingh ...	7	5	8	...	
	Tipperah ...	3	5	...	19	
Chittagong ...	Chittagong ...	4	...	1	14	
	Noakhally ...	...	...	...	...	
Patna... ...	Patna ...	13	2	5	2	
	Gya ...	7	4	32	5	
	Shahabad ...	5	12	4	243	
	Tirhoot ...	26	168	12	46	
	Sarun ...	35	103	20	...	
Bhaugulpore ...	Bhaugulpore ...	2	...	3	6	
	Purneah ...	...	...	1	...	
Orissa	Cuttack ...	17	5	21	12	
Chota Nagpore ...	Chota Nagpore ...	3	1	8	2	
	Total ...	**185**	**621**	**194**	**723**	

C.

Number and value of suits instituted in the Civil Courts, 1876—1880.

District.	Court.	Value in 1876.	Number in 1876.	Number in 1877.	Number in 1878.	Number in 1879.	Number in 1880.	Value in 1880.
		Rs.						Rs.
Backergunge	R. ...	10,96,362	11,605	12,637	14,987	18,684	19,755	17,44,907
	S. C. ...	68,428	1,052	1,572	1,892	2,256	2,025	1,24,452
Beerbhoom	R. ...	4,08,963	4,236	4,554	4,226	4,577	4,878	4,03,794
Bhangulpore	R. ...	36,51,198	8,633	8,491	9,452	9,500	10,055	27,06,235
	S. C. ...	2,51,630	3,592	3,406	4,222	3,953	4,418	2,59,109
Burdwan	R. ...	32,24,864	15,359	14,807	13,284	14,309	11,648	14,18,104
Bancoora	R. ...	2,25,336	3,389	3,862	3,761	4,423	7,062	4,47,235
Chittagong	R. ...	8,23,946	13,817	12,875	12,437	14,606	13,479	8,37,679
Cuttack	R. ...	10,73,193	4,792	5,267	5,366	6,811	7,216	12,55,922
	S. C. ...	1,05,218	2,629	3,118	3,841	4,975	2,867	1,58,523
Dacca	R. ...	21,20,269	15,932	15,398	14,062	16,180	18,383	23,54,724
	S. C. ...	3,05,047	5,201	5,661	6,061	5,552	7,283	4,23,257
Dinagepore	R. ...	9,74,894	13,513	12,570	7,029	7,497	6,666	10,14,586
	S. C. ...	...	...	...	...	988	1,069	60,333
Furreedpore	R. ...	11,62,029	13,640	12,443	11,769	13,793	17,511	9,48,533
	S. C. ...	94,633	1,605	1,648	1,547	908	1,411	56,116
Gya	R. ...	40,56,858	2,279	2,210	2,458	2,564	2,624	36,82,395
Hooghly	R. ...	23,03,194	10,276	11,701	10,581	11,415	13,251	14,22,887
	S. C. ...	1,57,145	3,627	3,783	4,220	5,130	5,413	2,49,195
Jessore	R. ...	20,39,043	17,098	18,304	17,644	20,466	22,122	13,62,431
	S. C. ...	5,30,506	11,894	12,462	11,921	14,564	12,073	5,54,221
Midnapore	R. ...	37,46,831	13,410	13,518	14,080	16,875	17,942	13,09,868
	S. C. ...	98,596	990	1,247	1,125	872	656	79,467
Moorshedabad	R. ...	14,35,259	12,016	11,367	11,455	10,895	11,737	22,24,144
	S. C. ...	29,647	216	192	192	215	245	35,882
Mymensingh	R. ...	13,63,555	18,457	17,639	18,547	17,296	19,593	48,96,353
Noakhally	R ...	...	...	10,835	13,473	13,752	10,353	6,30,500
Nuddea	R. ...	9,29,073	8,195	8,520	8,721	9,069	8,003	8,26,043
	S. C. ...	3,65,953	7,966	8,247	9,570	11,361	10,330	4,80,839
Patna	R. ...	30,61,211	3,446	3,153	3,334	3,242	4,049	20,11,528
	S. C. ...	76,589	1,153	1,151	1,550	1,513	1,557	1,03,000
Pubna and Bogra	R. ...	...	...	...	6,384	6,647	6,808	10,18,002
	S. C. ...	...	...	...	1,101	1,532	1,864	85,359
Purneah	R. ...	9,35,207	7,848	8,227	8,070	8,203	8,054	10,55,120
Rajshahye	R. ...	10,00,377	8,593	7,965	6,129	5,540	7,122	8,81,987
	S. C. ...	98,291	1,810	1,524	707	629	718	41,093
Rungpore	R. ...	11,83,855	15,821	16,543	16,974	15,465	13,646	10,80,202
Sarun	R. ...	17,62,198	5,096	4,034	5,042	4,711	5,685	29,50,361
Shahabad	R. ...	15,75,208	5,471	5,071	7,868	6,044	6,510	10,23,981
Tipperah	R. ...	16,25,551	24,015	18,515	18,568	18,965	19,399	18,16,611
Tirhoot	R. ...	28,21,187	6,010	8,379	8,376	6,752	7,454	37,94,586
24-Pergunnahs	R. ...	21,31,244	22,478	23,084	20,335	21,660	21,426	23,28,599
	S. C. ...	2,66,569	4,604	4,516	5,727	5,892	5,387	3,00,572
Chota Nagpore	R. ...	9,18,979	3,997	4,315	4,454	4,492	4,317	6,52,721
Julpigoree and Darjeeling ...	R. ...	3,19,745	2,011	1,822	3,821	...	...	...
	S. C. ...	55,174	1,084	916	980	...	...	..
Total ...	**R. ...**	**4,7978.629**	**2,91,433**	**2,99,906**	**3,00,526**	**3,14,442**	**3,27,248**	**4,81,00,040**
	S. C. ...	**25,03,426**	**47,423**	**49,423**	**54,656**	**60,340**	**57,316**	**30,11,418**

D.

Number of suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared wit the preceding year.

District.	Courts.	1879.			1880.		
		Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.
Backergunge ...	R. ...	4,790	11,918	1,976	4,103	14,318	1,334
	S. C. ...	2,256	...	...	2,025	...	...
Beerbhoom	R. ...	1,372	1,761	1,444	1,557	2,150	1,171
Bhaugulpore ...	R. ...	2,838	5,430	1,232	3,230	5,441	1,384
	S. C. ...	3,953	...	...	4,418	...	...
Burdwan	R. ...	5,383	6,218	2,708	4,205	5,475	1,968
Bancoora	R. ...	1,267	1,973	1,183	2,024	3,242	1,796
Chittagong	R. ...	5,588	6,739	2,279	4,333	6,609	2,537
Cuttack ...	R. ...	4,502	...	2,309	5,561	...	1,655
	S. C. ...	4,975	...	...	2,867	...	...
Dacca ...	R. ...	11,219	3,140	1,830	12,691	3,757	1,935
	S. C. ...	5,552	...	...	7,283	...	...
Dinagepore ...	R. ...	4,463	2,178	856	4,300	1,680	686
	S. C. ...	988	...	...	1,069	...	...
Furreedpore ...	R. ...	8,049	4,978	766	10,139	6,541	831
	S. C. ...	908	...	...	1,411	...	...
Gya	R. ...	1,109	744	711	1,090	810	724
Hooghly ...	R. ...	3,149	6,450	1,816	3,563	7,708	1,980
	S. C. ...	5,130	...	...	5,413	...	...
Jessore ...	R. ...	3,591	14,652	2,223	3,351	16,495	2,276
	S. C. ...	14,564	...	...	12,073	...	...
Midnapore ...	R. ...	6,894	7,509	2,472	5,673	7,393	4,876
	S. C. ...	872	...	...	656	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	R. ...	4,749	4,845	1,301	5,303	5,164	1,270
	S. C. ...	215	...	...	245	...	...
Mymensingh	R. ...	11,926	2,701	2,669	13,864	2,845	2,884
Noakhally	R. ...	5,639	6,644	1,469	3,074	6,684	1,095
Nuddea ...	R. ...	2,418	5,574	1,077	2,138	5,066	799
	S. C. ...	11,361	...	...	10,330	...	...
Patna ...	R. ...	722	1,676	844	847	2,472	730
	S. C. ...	1,513	...	...	1,557	...	...
Pubna ...	R. ...	3,777	2,087	783	4,068	1,834	906
	S. C. ...	1,532	...	...	1,864	...	...
Purneah	R. ...	3,967	3,734	512	3,993	3,568	493
Rajshahye ...	R. ...	3,690	1,526	324	4,451	2,282	389
	S. C. ...	629	...	...	718	...	...
Rungpore	R. ...	9,478	5,129	858	7,763	4,895	988
Sarun	R. ...	1,434	1,937	1,340	1,633	2,500	1,552
Shahabad	R. ...	1,449	3,372	1,223	2,050	3,320	1,140
Tipperah	R. ...	9,656	6,608	2,701	9,282	7,550	2,567
Tirhoot	R. ...	2,767	2,699	1,286	2,892	3,106	1,456
24-Pergunnahs ...	R. ...	9,770	9,229	2,661	8,854	9,981	2,591
	S. C. ...	5,892	...	...	5,387	...	...
Chota Nagpore	R. ...	3,760	...	732	3,503	...	814
Total ...	R. ...	139,406	131,451	43,585	139,535	142,886	44,827
	S. C. ...	60,342	...	...	57,316	...	...

E.

Value of suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

District.	Court.	1879. Suits for money or moveables.	1879. Under the Rent Law.	1879. Title Suits.	1880. Suits for money or moveables.	1880. Under the Rent Law.	1880. Title Suits.
Backergunge	R. ...	6,06,449	7,24,080	8,38,487	3,54,205	7,55,832	6,34,870
	S. C. ...	1,52,292	...	...	1,24,452	...	...
Beerbhoom	R. ...	1,00,115	1,10,905	4,04,595	95,811	1,37,041	1,70,942
Bhaugulpore	R. ...	7,23,107	4,47,140	20,76,544	5,34,785	3,87,873	17,83,577
	S. C. ...	2,72,938	...	...	2,59,109	...	...
Burdwan	R. ...	5,15,666	3,29,327	4,07,917	4,14,483	2,73,147	7,30,474
Bancoora	R. ...	99,185	79,225	1,88,134	1,25,869	1,31,159	1,90,207
Chittagong	R. ...	4,66,544	2,16,387	1,95,445	3,55,078	2,15,383	2,67,218
Cuttack	R. ...	3,70,153	...	7,44,822	3,13,941	...	9,41,981
	S. C. ...	1,97,324	...	...	1,58,523	...	...
Dacca	R. ...	8,13,435	1,11,704	9,97,011	10,18,864	1,38,582	11,97,278
	S. C. ...	3,59,386	...	...	4,23,257	...	...
Dinagepore	R. ...	3,54,280	92,774	2,11,491	7,72,986	1,00,307	1,41,293
	S. C. ...	55,886	...	...	60,333	...	...
Furreedpore	R. ...	5,59,957	2,44,818	2,23,260	5,72,912	2,33,105	1,42,516
	S. C. ...	40,466	...	...	56,116	...	...
Gya	R. ...	5,27,250	2,14,695	6,09,936	5,11,696	1,72,523	29,98,176
Hooghly	R. ...	10,03,609	3,26,580	7,22,057	5,47,705	3,86,754	4,88,428
	S. C. ...	1,58,110	...	...	2,49,193	...	...
Jessore	R. ...	3,57,464	6,59,876	2,49,592	2,98,203	7,32,280	3,31,948
	S. C. ...	7,89,551	...	...	5,54,221	...	...
Midnapore	R. ...	6,67,991	3,86,974	6,38,223	4,19,349	3,18,631	5,71,888
	S. C. ...	1,07,926	...	...	79,467	...	...
Moorshedabad	R. ...	3,01,325	2,50,359	3,95,814	4,29,138	3,01,332	14,93,671
	S. C. ...	26,620	...	...	35,882	...	...
Mymensingh	R. ...	9,15,853	1,69,765	10,08,616	10,33,042	2,27,569	36,35,742
Noakhally	R. ...	4,27,820	3,84,395	1,69,521	1,98,842	3,34,696	96,962
Nuddea	R. ...	2,01,517	2,77,125	7,40,967	1,94,216	3,21,779	3,10,048
	S. C. ...	5,67,860	...	...	4,80,339	...	...
Patna	R. ...	3,55,618	1,73,714	12,61,957	6,35,492	2,39,204	11,36,832
	S. C. ...	89,567	...	...	1,03,000	...	...
Pubna	R. ...	5,69,088	1,32,351	1,63,354	5,33,350	1,40,155	3,14,497
	S. C. ...	85,544	...	...	85,359	...	...
Purneah	R. ...	4,05,364	2,57,425	1,35,938	7,06,108	2,24,766	1,24,247
Rajshahye	R. ...	4,55,067	1,83,890	5,31,185	5,14,432	1,88,200	1,79,351
	S. C. ...	35,232	...	...	41,093	...	...
Rungpore	R. ...	9,18,608	2,48,678	9,76,511	6,96,495	2,17,257	1,66,450
Sarun	R. ...	4,31,953	1,65,633	10,55,170	4,14,018	2,82,615	22,53,728
Shahabad	R. ...	4,42,542	2,68,398	3,85,305	4,18,523	2,43,145	3,62,313
Tipperah	R. ...	7,20,384	3,18,654	1,79,149	7,06,936	3,34,517	7,75,158
Tirhoot	R. ...	17,36,874	3,46,248	12,51,053	11,04,235	3,21,169	23,69,184
24-Pergunnahs	R. ...	10,33,471	4,81,398	18,69,572	10,05,526	4,01,166	9,21,907
	S. C. ...	2,78,378	...	...	3,00,572	...	...
Chota Nagpore	R. ...	7,31,249	...	4,42,556	3,96,716	...	2,56,005
Total ..	R. ...	1,68,11,933	76,02,524	1,90,74,185	1,53,22,956	77,60,187	2,50,16,897
	S. C. ...	32,17,080	...	...	30,11,419	...	...

F.

Manner of disposal of original suits by the Civil Courts, 1880.

Division.	District.	Courts.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided ex parte.	Contested (both parties present.)	Total.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan	R. ...	4,978	3,374	3,131	11,483
	Bancoora	R. ...	3,387	1,814	1,705	6,906
	Beerbhoom ...	R. ...	2,261	1,129	1,581	4,971
	Midnapore ...	R. ...	8,083	3,964	3,686	15,733
		S. C. ...	411	139	141	691
	Hooghly ...	R. ...	5,210	4,568	3,444	13,222
		S. C. ...	2,451	1,552	1,361	5,364
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	R. ...	9,031	6,875	5,508	21,414
		S. C. ...	2,279	2,140	1,460	5,879
	Nuddea ...	R. ...	2,832	3,024	2,572	8,428
		S. C. ...	6,010	2,561	1,976	10,547
	Jessore ...	R. ...	6,688	9,270	6,125	22,083
		S. C. ...	6,647	3,985	2,172	12,804
	Moorshedabad ...	R. ...	4,225	4,335	2,580	11,140
		S. C. ...	98	81	73	252
Rajshahye ...	Dinagepore and Darjeeling...	R. ...	2,480	2,630	1,695	6,805
		S. C. ...	395	511	97	1,003
	Rajshahye and Maldah ...	R. ...	2,849	2,416	1,588	6,853
		S. C. ...	321	240	51	712
	Rungpore and Julpigooree...	R. ...	5,178	5,575	3,254	14,007
		S. C. ...	...	...	...	...
	Pubna and Bogra ...	R. ...	2,167	2,858	1,779	6,804
		S. C. ...	951	569	354	1,874
Dacca	Dacca ...	R. ...	4,491	9,872	3,489	17,852
		S. C. ...	2,516	4,016	1,093	7,625
	Furreedpore ...	R. ...	4,632	9,973	2,552	17,157
		S. C. ...	531	658	224	1,413
	Backergunge ...	R. ...	5,827	11,551	4,024	21,402
		S. C. ...	775	1,000	333	2,108
	Mymensingh ...	R. ...	4,898	10,116	4,791	19,805
	Tipperah ...	R. ...	6,573	7,281	5,267	19,121
Chittagong ...	Chittagong ...	R. ...	5,729	3,824	4,326	13,879
	Noakhally ...	R. ...	4,541	4,249	3,413	12,203
Patna	Patna ...	R. ...	1,175	593	2,241	4,009
		S. C. ...	917	411	313	1,641
	Gya ...	R. ...	865	496	1,087	2,448
	Shahabad ...	R. ...	2,808	1,519	2,011	6,338
	Tirhoot ...	R. ...	2,461	1,596	3,470	7,527
	Sarun ...	R. ..	2,292	1,216	1,908	5,416
Bhaugulpore ...	Bhaugulpore ...	R. ...	3,942	3,006	3,201	10,149
		S. C. ...	2,243	1,557	625	4,425
	Purneah ...	R. ...	3,144	2,797	2,147	8,088
Orissa	Cuttack ...	R. ...	4,787	1,741	1,392	7,920
		S. C. ...	1,870	680	621	3,171
Chota Nagpore ...	Chota Nagpore ...	R. ...	1,936	844	1,513	4,293
	Total	R. ...	1,19,470	1,22,506	85,480	3,27,456
		S. R. ...	28,415	20,100	10,994	59,509
	Grand Total ...	...	1,47,885	1,42,606	96,474	3,86,965

F 1.

Manner of disposal of suits by the Courts of Small Causes separately.

Division.	District.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte.*	Contested (both parties present.)	Total.
Burdwan	Midnapore	411	139	141	691
	Hooghly	459	326	263	1,048
	Serampore	772	371	381	1,524
	Howrah	1,220	855	717	2,792
Presidency ...	Sealdah	2,191	2,110	1,418	5,719
	Dum-Dum Cantonment ...	28	4	10	42
	Barrackpore Cantonment ...	60	26	32	118
	Kishnaghur	1,054	737	433	2,224
	Ranaghat	928	510	374	1,812
	Meherpore	988	564	286	1,838
	Koosteah	1,913	467	636	3,016
	Chooadangah	1,127	283	247	1,657
	Jessore	2,438	1,053	823	4,314
	Magoorah	942	746	304	1,992
	Jhenidah	1,911	813	408	3,132
	Narail	1,356	1,373	637	3,366
Rajshahye ...	Berhampore Small Cause Court	98	81	73	252
	Beauleah	321	240	151	712
	Pubna	951	569	354	1,874
Cooch Behar ...	Darjeeling	395	511	97	1,003
Dacca	Dacca	1,540	1,926	704	4,170
	Moonsheegunge	976	2,090	389	3,455
	Furreedpore	531	658	224	1,413
	Backergunge	775	1,000	333	2,108
Patna	Patna	821	370	277	1,468
	Dinapore Cantonment ...	96	41	36	173
Bhaugulpore ...	Monghyr	1,192	955	308	2,455
	Bhaugulpore	1,051	602	317	1,970
Orissa	Cuttack	1,870	680	621	3,171
	Total ...	28,415	20,100	10,994	59,509

F 2.

Manner of disposal of suits by officers vested with Small Cause Court powers.

Division.	District.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested (both parties present).	Total.
Burdwan	Burdwan	1,275	694	483	2,452
	Bancoora				
	Beerbhoom	360	143	165	668
	Midnapore	1,879	605	539	3,023
	Hooghly	...	...	...	...
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	2,394	1,244	916	4,554
	Nuddea	602	570	204	1,376
	Jessore	438	508	169	1,115
	Moorshedabad	1,207	1,862	616	3,185
Rajshahye	Dinagepore and Darjeeling ...	319	329	158	806
	Rajshahye and Maldah ...	903	372	260	1,535
	Rungpore and Julpigoree ...	1,267	913	362	2,542
	Pubna and Bogra ...	606	916	176	1,698
Dacca	Dacca	803	3,328	468	4,599
	Furreedpore	612	1,959	279	2,850
	Backergunge	...	...	...	...
	Mymensingh	479	417	147	1,043
	Tipperah	179	125	117	421
Chittagong	Chittagong	123	121	161	405
	Noakhally	167	177	91	435
Patna	Patna	...	...	...	...
	Gya	132	62	87	281
	Shahabad	...	...	...	...
	Tirhoot	...	...	...	..
	Sarun	227	101	83	411
Bhaugulpore ...	Bhaugulpore	...	...	...	...
	Purneah	412	163	102	677
Orissa	Cuttack	2,861	951	603	4,415
Chota Nagpore ...	Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	17,245	15,060	6,186	38,419

G.

Applications for an order to set aside an ex-parte judgment or a judgment on default, 1880.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFS.						SUB-JUDGE.						SMALL CAUSE COURTS.						JUDGES.					
	PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.		
	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.
Backergunge ...	731	397	1,128	403	492	895	5	4	9	6	3	9	81	46	127	85	38	123	...	1	1	1	...	1
Beerbhoom ...	54	57	111	54	57	111	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore ...	79	39	118	45	64	109	9	6	15	1	13	14	47	53	100	45	44	89	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	172	71	243	109	150	259	4	6	10	10	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	2	...	2
Bancoora	113	11	124	33	90	123	3	...	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	6	5	1	6
Chittagong ...	171	185	356	142	241	383	2	1	3	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4	4	...	4
Cuttack	27	94	121	69	48	117	1	...	1	...	1	1	27	1	28	14	14	28	...	7	7	...	6	6
Dacca	98	67	165	90	79	169	4	5	9	3	4	7	46	77	123	79	39	118	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore ...	56	135	191	119	78	197	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4	4	...	4	...	2	2	2	...	2
Furreedpore ...	273	66	339	119	205	324	2	...	2	1	1	2	25	18	43	18	29	47	...	3	3	3	...	3
Gya	41	25	66	19	31	50	2	10	12	5	3	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly	289	122	411	184	220	404	11	4	15	...	11	11	45	46	91	50	34	84	...	...	...	2	1	3
Jessore	632	198	830	330	379	709	4		4	1	1	2	279	292	571	333	217	550	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	273	168	441	156	228	384	7	2	9	2	5	7	8	4	12	7	8	15	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	99	73	172	70	77	147	4	...	4	...	4	4	4	1	5	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh ...	112	101	213	97	101	198	3	2	5	2	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1
Noakhally	64	53	117	59	110	169	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1
Nuddea	132	71	203	91	134	225	4	4	8	4	3	7	110	119	229	130	112	242	2	6	8	1	7	8
Patna	32	66	98	51	56	107	7	21	28	5	29	34	11	22	33	18	24	42	1	7	8	6	2	8
Pubna	150	46	196	68	140	208	19	2	21	4	16	20	14	9	23	10	13	23	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	41	50	91	43	59	102	...	7	7	2	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	1	...	1
Rajshahye	92	52	144	41	81	122	8	4	12	3	10	13	2	12	14	10	4	14	2	3	5	3	2	5
Rungpore	163	166	329	147	171	318	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	98	90	188	88	57	145	13	7	20	8	14	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	61	15	76	22	54	76	5	12	17	7	5	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	145	93	238	109	131	240	4	4	8	1	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	4	...	4
Tirhoot	117	43	160	51	87	138	14	2	16	1	14	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
24-Pergunnahs ...	383	164	547	240	266	506	6	...	6	1	4	5	152	61	213	136	76	212	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore ...	26	34	60	40	17	57	7	...	7	1	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3,724	2,752	6,476	3,089	3,903	6,992	149	103	252	69	164	233	853	763	1,616	939	656	1,595	12	44	56	35	21	56

H.

Result of proceedings in execution of decrees in the Civil Courts.

District.	Court.	Number of applications on which realisations were made.				Amount realised.		
		In full satisfaction of decree.	In part satisfaction of decree.	With process.	Without process.	With process.	Without process.	Total.
						Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	R. ...	5,170	3,333	6,619	1,884	7,58,505	1,72,112	9,30,617
	S. C....	336	205	260	281	8,868	14,566	23,434
Beerbhoom	R. ...	1,574	667	1,707	534	1,65,523	20,796	1,86,319
Bhaugulpore	R. ...	2,013	1,094	2,719	388	11,61,299	80,548	12,41,847
	S. C....	494	302	550	246	26,642	13,131	39,773
Burdwan	R. ...	3,389	1,479	4,280	588	3,86,854	27,641	4,14,495
Bancoora	R. ...	2,437	1,275	3,408	304	3,14,769	14,145	3,28,914
Chittagong	R. ...	3,778	3,591	5,542	1,827	2,49,109	1,02,108	3,51,217
Cuttack	R. ...	973	609	1,365	217	3,02,357	39,080	3,41,437
	S. C....	597	253	665	185	23,203	7,058	30,261
Dacca	R. ...	2,659	1,839	4,005	493	4,57,741	54,764	5,12,505
	S. C....	645	1,025	1,638	32	58,374	2,295	60,669
Dinagepore	R. ...	1,072	501	1,393	180	1,26,097	15,869	1,41,966
	S. C..	174	74	136	112	6,534	9,158	15,692
Furreedpore	R. ...	3,393	2,120	4,916	597	6,36,564	34,366	6,70,930
	S. ...	47	67	99	15	1,942	401	2,343
Gya	R. ...	1,044	506	1,195	355	4,79,499	58,831	5,38,330
Hooghly	R. ...	3,341	1,573	4,421	493	4,50,099	23,003	4,73,102
	S. C....	618	261	730	149	1,41,195	3,704	1,44,899
Jessore	R. ...	5,995	3,698	8,972	721	6,08,523	31,507	6,40,030
	S. C....	462	3,011	3,321	152	23,731	6,165	29,896
Midnapore	R. ...	3,470	2,228	4,442	1,256	3,60,636	1,29,726	4,90,362
	S. C....	136	203	236	103	10,184	7,290	17,474
Moorshedabad	R. ...	1,801	1,059	2,494	366	1,41,648	15,477	1,57,125
	S. C....	111	74	128	57	94,000	38,957	1,32,957
Mymensingh	R. ...	3,725	2,476	5,275	926	5,50,696	87,522	6,38,218
Noakhally	R. ...	3,480	1,401	3,658	1,223	3,23,524	71,107	3,94,631
Nuddea	R. ...	2,353	1,637	3,668	322	3,80,757	14,223	3,94,980
	S. C....	894	1,721	2,563	52	57,506	1,530	59,036
Patna	R. ...	1,447	605	1,647	405	6,66,718	78,086	7,44,804
	S. C....	195	47	235	7	11,095	457	11,552
Pubna	R. ...	1,339	1,043	2,006	376	4,31,973	37,969	4,69,942
	S. C....	195	204	288	110	8,951	3,199	12,150
Purneah	R. ...	966	944	1,862	48	1,68,557	23,450	1,92,007
Rajshahye	R. ...	1,198	782	1,538	442	2,70,198	1,07,061	3,77,259
	S. C....	50	23	65	8	2,788	800	3,588
Rungpore	R. ...	2,161	1,046	2,937	270	2,54,776	20,428	2,75,204
Sarun	R. ...	1,413	728	1,519	322	2,82,796	58,830	3,41,626
Shahabad	R. ...	2,364	670	2,442	592	3,50,901	1,19,539	4,70,440
Tipperah	R. ...	3,941	2,356	5,295	1,002	5,52,046	68,909	6,20,955
Tirhoot	R. ...	2,639	1,472	3,551	560	8,61,786	94,876	9,56,662
24-Pergunnahs	R. ...	4,805	2,713	7,229	289	10,93,606	32,375	11,25,981
	S. C....	612	674	1,238	48	33,103	1,257	34,360
Chota Nagpore	R. ...	960	861	1,778	43	2,88,376	17,565	3,05,941
Total ...	R. ...	74,900	44,306	1,02,183	17,023	1,30,75,933	16,51,913	1,47,27,846
	S. C....	5,566	8,144	12,153	1,557	5,08,116	1,09,968	6,18,034

I.

Original Miscellaneous (Judicial) cases instituted, disposed of and pending in Civil Courts in the past, as compared with the preceding year.

Division.	District.	Courts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
			1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan ...	...	1,857	1,587	1,846	1,611	283	241
	Bancoora ...	...	417	694	384	713	138	105
	Beerbhoom ...	...	596	603	582	621	122	107
	Midnapore ...	R. ...	2,216	2,091	2,188	2,149	435	400
		S. C. ...	67	62	69	58	4	8
	Hooghly ...	R. ...	2,184	2,168	2,111	2,195	697	679
		S. C. ...	218	220	206	203	13	31
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	R. ...	2,429	2,343	2,508	2,410	643	641
		S. C. ...	360	488	347	514	54	28
	Nuddea ...	R. ...	1,236	1,147	1,176	1,176	292	272
		S. C. ...	758	698	756	719	43	22
	Jessore ...	R. ...	2,587	2,005	3,081	2,055	328	284
		S. C. ...	874	724	837	764	67	27
	Moorshedabad ...	R. ...	780	806	792	767	125	168
		S. C. ...	1	7	1	6	...	1
Rajshahye ...	Dinagepore ...	R. ...	511	462	519	481	76	65
		S. C. ...	29	11	28	14	1	...
	Rajshahye ...	R. ...	568	643	585	630	112	126
		S. C. ...	19	24	18	24	1	1
	Rungpore ...	...	813	835	890	826	135	152
	Pubna ...	R. ...	566	617	544	663	140	109
		S. C. ...	45	55	47	56	1	1
Dacca	Dacca ...	R. ...	1,257	1,452	1,324	1,443	254	265
		S. C. ...	213	287	235	293	35	33
	Fureedpore ...	R. ...	895	986	1,019	990	174	181
		S. C. ...	31	59	41	63	4	...
	Backergunge ...	R. ...	1,805	1,966	1,766	1,887	383	483
		S. C. ...	179	142	174	152	15	5
	Mymensingh ...	...	1,349	1,128	1,442	1,117	199	215
	Tipperah ...	...	1,299	1,168	1,330	1,278	289	186
Chittagong ...	Chittagong ...	...	1,590	1,391	1,629	1,423	298	284
	Noakhally ...	...	956	726	1,182	780	140	94
Patna	Patna ...	R. ...	1,043	1,013	1,140	1,129	248	140
		S. C. ...	73	80	71	86	11	5
	Gya ...	...	675	526	637	524	194	133
	Shahabad ...	...	922	820	885	817	160	194
	Tirhoot ...	...	1,257	1,498	1,311	1,649	365	220
	Sarun ...	...	993	1,094	1,033	1,120	241	219
Bhaugulpore ...	Bhagulpore ...	R. ...	1,060	926	1,061	952	118	103
		S. C. ...	180	229	187	208	5	26
	Purneah ...	...	697	640	683	691	108	57
Orissa	Cuttack ...	R. ...	584	794	586	783	75	89
		S. C. ...	32	75	29	71	3	7
Chota Nagpore ...	Chota Nagpore ...	...	638	600	644	615	102	92
	Total ...	R. ...	33,780	32,729	34,878	33,495	6,874	6,304
		S. C. ...	3,079	3,161	3,046	3,231	257	195
	Grand Total ...	...	36,859	35,890	37,924	36,726	7,131	6,499

I 1.

Original Miscellaneous (Non-Judicial) cases instituted, disposed of and pending in Civil Courts in the past, as compared with the preceding year.

Division.	District.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Burdwan	Burdwan, ...	1,648	1,183	1,757	1,226	348	234
	Bancoora ...	323	393	338	393	38	38
	Beerbhoom	382	441	463	478	95	58
	Midnapore	5,417	3,647	2,200	6,298	3,217	566
	Hooghly	2,628	3,043	2,333	2,563	721	1,201
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	1,674	1,518	1,711	1,539	66	45
	Nuddea	751	603	990	682	145	66
	Jessore	943	961	937	992	64	33
	Moorshedabad	993	730	791	944	253	39
Rajshahye ...	Dinagepore	1,010	869	1,141	899	111	81
	Rajshahye	637	526	671	514	42	54
	Rungpore	275	355	224	376	59	38
	Pubna	544	539	582	553	73	59
Dacca	Dacca	699	948	1,237	904	144	188
	Furreedpore	215	366	262	267	6	95
	Backergunge	2,145	1,219	1,581	1,506	564	277
	Mymensingh	876	481	1,045	495	62	48
	Tipperah	1,539	1,418	1,338	3,844	2,554	128
Chittagong ...	Chittagong	312	314	277	353	56	17
	Noakhally	450	368	571	657	316	27
Patna	Patna	1,879	1,850	1,597	2,256	703	297
	Gya	430	557	271	696	231	92
	Shahabad	1,111	1,709	922	1,645	259	323
	Tirhoot	1,942	1,877	2,177	2,322	788	343
	Sarun	2,085	2,916	1,446	3,503	933	346
Bhaugulpore ...	Bhaugulpore	3,155	3,313	3,752	3,617	978	514
	Purneah	1,356	1,705	1,025	2,069	854	490
Orissa	Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore ...	Chota Nagpore ...	49	29	41	48	37	18
	Total ...	35,468	33,878	31,680	41,639	13,712	5,715

J.

Appeals instituted, disposed of, and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Division.	District.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan, ...	771	612	686	567	342	413
	Bancoora ...	297	452	42	430	434	455
	Beerbhoom	374	323	344	332	78	72
	Midnapore	1,034	921	794	876	697	749
	Hooghly	787	837	817	569	535	820
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	1,159	1,029	1,230	816	350	605
	Nuddea	689	472	642	734	763	520
	Jessore	918	853	1,107	932	368	307
	Moorshedabad	277	169	247	215	94	63
Rajshahye ...	Dinagepore	225	230	299	250	51	32
	Rajshahye	231	313	203	260	82	141
	Rungpore	504	490	612	489	93	97
	Pubna	363	461	365	341	148	273
Dacca	Dacca	950	733	760	992	529	293
	Furreedpore	450	447	458	443	432	445
	Backergunge	452	764	479	683	150	242
	Mymensingh	1,025	1,058	978	680	320	712
	Tipperah	1,150	1,155	1,014	1,151	811	867
Chittagong ...	Chittagong	748	837	854	480	200	571
	Noakhally	337	375	320	284	172	270
Patna	Patna	668	1,117	1,001	1,039	367	462
	Gya	435	433	400	359	302	393
	Shahabad	1,048	878	846	580	630	941
	Tirhoot	1,502	1,430	1,385	1,345	1,430	1,538
	Sarun	780	839	1,237	637	494	710
Bhaugulpore ...	Bhaugulpore	1,053	1,081	1,174	850	314	562
	Purneah	435	393	420	347	42	90
Orissa	Cuttack	315	303	310	376	255	185
Chota Nagpore ...	Chota Nagpore ...	502	524	462	502	288	315
	Total ...	19,479	19,529	19,486	17,559	10,771	13,143

K.

Number of Appellate Judges and of appeals preferred, with ratio of appeals to decisions.

Division.	District.	Appellate Judges.	Number of decisions in which an appeal lay to the District Courts.	Number of appeals preferred.	Ratio of appeals to decisions in which an appeal lay.
Burdwan	Burdwan	2	2,631	612	23·26
	Bancoora	2	1,539	452	29·36
	Beerbhoom	2	1,278	323	25·27
	Midnapore	3	3,140	921	26·14
	Hooghly	3	3,296	837	25·39
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs	4	4,786	1,029	21·50
	Nuddea	2	2,303	472	20·49
	Jessore	3	5,863	853	14·54
	Moorshedabad	2	1,723	169	9·80
Rajshahye	Dinagepore	2	1,527	230	15·06
	Rajshahye	2	1,318	313	23·83
	Rungpore	2	2,814	490	17·41
	Pubna	2	1,435	461	32·12
Dacca	Dacca	3	2,519	733	29·09
	Furreedpore	3	2,150	447	20·79
	Buckergunge	3	3,953	764	19·32
	Mymensingh	2	3,624	1,058	29·19
	Tipperah	3	5,126	1,155	22·52
Chittagong ...	Chittagong	3	3,820	837	21·91
	Noakhally	2	2,414	375	15·53
Patna	Patna	3	2,173	1,117	51·40
	Gya	2	970	433	44·63
	Shahabad	2	1,910	878	45·96
	Tirhoot	3	3,377	1,430	42·64
	Sarun	3	1,758	839	47·72
Bhaugulpore ...	Bhaugulpore	3	3,182	1,081	33·97
	Purneah	1	2,033	393	19·33
Orissa	Cuttack	2	771	303	39·29
Chota Nagpore ...	Chota Nagpore	6	1,398	524	37·48
	Total ...	75	74,826	19,529	26·06

L.

Number of appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past, as compared with the preceding year.

District.	1879.			1880.		
	In suits for money or moveables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.	In suits for money or moveables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.
Backergunge	103	246	103	126	524	114
Beerbhoom	47	159	168	57	114	152
Bhaugulpore	130	654	269	139	697	245
Burdwan, ...	145	227	399	95	203	314
Bancoora	27	106	164	78	142	232
Chittagong	157	232	359	144	285	408
Cuttack	70	67	178	67	52	184
Dacca	163	377	410	135	300	298
Dinagepore	70	89	66	68	97	65
Furreedpore	121	182	147	134	193	120
Gya	93	155	187	116	125	192
Hooghly	160	296	331	102	317	418
Jessore	74	471	373	87	402	364
Midnapore	196	344	494	136	384	401
Moorshedabad...	57	103	117	30	66	73
Mymensingh	353	306	366	348	255	455
Noakhally	84	174	79	83	178	114
Nuddea	30	402	257	8	251	213
Patna	65	372	231	255	566	296
Pubna	86	155	122	140	188	133
Purneah	153	177	105	42	244	107
Rajshahye	88	81	62	86	185	42
Rungpore	151	190	163	134	224	132
Sarun	120	453	207	152	407	280
Shahabad	74	498	476	136	372	370
Tipperah	208	539	403	242	475	438
Tirhoot	231	819	452	186	692	552
24-Pergunnahs	274	366	519	249	341	439
Chota Nagpore	169	146	187	194	108	222
Total ...	3,699	8,386	7,394	3,769	8,387	7,373

M.

Value of appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past, as compared with the preceding year.

District.	1879.			1880.		
	In cases for money or moveables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.	In cases for money or moveables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	19,139	32,115	24,660	21,383	28,875	16,983
Beerbhoom	3,980	7,595	37,843	7,008	9,053	34,576
Bhaugulpore	40,060	64,029	61,709	33,365	30,343	142,769
Burdwan, ...	15,398	18,782	79,464	12,122	14,665	34,938
Bancoora	4,865	7,398	22,831	9,509	8,295	41,313
Chittagong	19,494	11,610	38,492	20,518	13,384	46,655
Cuttack	16,414	5,119	27,569	20,223	4,969	24,887
Dacca	14,685	12,459	1,20,013	18,246	16,229	68,795
Dinagepore	6,189	6,408	11,019	8,180	4,376	16,145
Furreedpore	11,852	13,379	42,947	16,392	12,595	25,695
Gya	21,758	43,288	75,669	21,008	24,192	1,17,919
Hooghly	4,562	22,319	62,849	4,021	14,258	70,804
Jessore	12,240	31,227	58,126	16,105	26,514	38,174
Midnapore	20,726	22,669	93,052	14,276	15,882	78,389
Moorshedabad	3,401	7,447	33,146	3,128	5,560	42,030
Mymensingh	29,729	21,879	87,822	46,523	26,329	57,452
Noakhally	10,956	14,391	6,851	15,080	13,716	13,216
Nuddea	8,154	21,675	68,575	1,852	14,962	60,036
Patna	19,562	58,490	93,102	38,844	52,538	73,292
Pubna	24,223	9,627	17,447	38,324	15,439	26,165
Purneah	8,641	14,558	33,184	9,171	10,983	24,890
Rajshahye	30,552	12,395	26,006	25,019	17,206	16,313
Rungpore	28,768	11,818	26,040	21,635	15,234	34,937
Sarun	31,629	25,740	48,815	29,318	20,748	60,285
Shahabad	9,484	32,711	1,01,471	42,350	39,045	57,465
Tipperah	23,088	42,504	48,998	38,064	23,928	47,474
Tirhoot	76,193	65,685	91,193	64,788	59,720	1,20,686
24-Pergunnahs	53,458	27,731	74,617	40,655	26,503	67,028
Chota Nagpore	38,143	25,585	65,611	23,971	18,014	74,336
Total ...	6,07,343	6,90,628	15,79,211	6,61,078	5,83,555	15,33,638

N.

Appeals how disposed of.

Division.	District.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan	574	133	224	27	39	997
	Bancoora						
	Beerbhoom	225	47	45	5	10	332
	Midnapore	489	62	242	36	47	876
	Hooghly	276	28	149	14	102	569
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs... ...	543	57	165	21	30	816
	Nuddea	355	95	184	58	42	734
	Jessore	584	82	182	44	40	932
	Moorshedabad	136	14	39	4	22	215
Rajshahye ...	Dinagepore	185	21	32	8	4	250
	Rajshahye	172	19	43	17	9	260
	Rungpore	265	50	133	25	16	489
	Pubna	202	40	75	14	10	341
Dacca	Dacca	645	106	171	30	40	992
	Furreedpore	245	46	121	9	22	443
	Backergunge	282	39	303	21	38	683
	Mymensingh	366	108	151	16	39	680
	Tipperah	654	77	280	39	101	1,151
Chittagong ...	Chittagong	301	36	104	16	23	480
	Noakhally	174	24	60	11	15	284
Patna	Patna	521	186	190	55	87	1,039
	Gya	205	27	105	19	3	359
	Shahabad	347	68	80	7	78	580
	Tirhoot	956	73	145	33	138	1,345
	Sarun	464	16	125	2	30	637
Bhaugulpore ...	Bhaugulpore	489	145	146	24	46	850
	Purneah	201	79	54	4	9	347
Orissa	Cuttack	264	21	45	11	35	376
Chota Nagpore ...	Chota Nagpore... ...	282	61	115	27	17	502
	Total ...	10,402	1,760	3,708	597	1,092	17,559

O.

Miscellaneous appeals.

Division.	District.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan ...	59	50	57	49	7	9
	Bancoora ...	21	27	22	52	21	...
	Beerbhoom	30	30	31	28	4	6
	Midnapore	73	54	71	63	9	2
	Hooghly	84	30	23	42	39	27
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	66	81	59	67	9	26
	Nuddea	38	25	33	30	15	7
	Jessore	62	81	72	81	11	11
	Moorshedabad	22	13	20	17	6	2
Rajshahye ...	Dinagepore	15	10	19	13	4	1
	Rajshahye	19	22	18	24	6	4
	Rungpore	30	10	32	9	3	4
	Pubna	32	43	31	35	6	14
Dacca	Dacca	52	52	50	57	11	6
	Furreedpore	56	48	35	20	27	55
	Backergunge	55	31	58	36	20	16
	Mymensingh	75	8	45	61	53	...
	Tipperah	76	72	78	123	65	17
Chittagong	Chittagong	105	101	141	44	22	80
	Noakhally	37	28	33	33	6	1
Patna	Patna	87	59	117	100	60	21
	Gya	61	51	63	69	27	12
	Shahabad	51	31	34	11	38	58
	Tirhoot	91	43	46	93	71	21
	Sarun	41	42	45	106	69	6
Bhaugulpore ..	Bhaugulpore	55	46	66	52	24	18
	Purneah	42	23	41	25	3	1
Orissa	Cuttack	15	25	12	25	9	10
Chota Nagpore ...	Chota Nagpore ...	60	49	66	63	42	29
	Total ..	1,460	1,185	1,418	1,428	687	464

P 1.

Work done by District Judges, 1880.

District.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous regular cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	No. of Sessions trials.	No. of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge	55	168	...	141	253	17	65	210
Beerbhoom	153	101	20	137	173	28	29	76
Bhaugulpore	159	127	1	89	472	52	80	135
Monghyr								
Burdwan	162	92	29	268	109	39	37	100
Bancoora	50	28	8	18	7	9	19	100
Chittagong	140	86	5	264	21	23	34	27
Cuttack								
Pooree	123	141	2	74	374	25	78	147
Balasore								
Dacca	156	109	15	473	323	57	79	161
Dinagepore	136	96	3	87	143	13	39	31
Darjeeling								
Furreedpore	33	275	12	167	9	20	83	115
Gya	162	94	4	170	141	69	63	96
Hooghly	113	153	11	372	166	42	54	111
Howrah								
Jessore	146	103	19	548	520	81	72	112
Midnapore	131	142	5	443	303	63	62	86
Moorshedabad	164	75	14	166	137	17	41	90
Mymensingh	123	133	10	181	164	61	63	119
Noakhally	194	58	33	170	243	33	28	65
Nuddea	158	88	9	349	421	27	50	104
Patna	159	100	11	540	547	100	69	200
Pubna	131	108	2	92	271	35	50	80
Bogra								
Purneah	155	98	3	41	347	25	29	44
Rajshahye	145	81	3	108	260	24	56	113
Maldah								
Rungpore	146	86	4	118	240	9	68	65
Julpigoorec								
Sarun	164	97	5	881	209	106	79	111
Chumparun								
Shahabad	87	192	...	181	162	11	47	170
Tipperah	161	89	2	197	222	123	32	122
Tirhoot	128	114	3	334	960	93	75	135
24-Pergunnahs	230	24	18	774	331	67	1	131
Chota Nagpore	130	121	...	6	247	20	91	135
Total ...	3,994	4,172	251	6,889	7,775	1,289	1,573	3,194

P 2.

Work done by Additional Judges.

District.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous regular cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	No. of Sessions trials.	No. of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monghyr...								
Burdwan	167	...	5	48	293	53	...	...
Bancoora								
Chittagong	42	5	1	101	56	21	7	...
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pooree								
Balasore								
Dacca	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darjeeling								
Furreedpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly	...	48	...	...	...	...	41*	...
Howrah								
Jessore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noakhally	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pubna	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bogra								
Purneah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maldah								
Rungpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree								
Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chumparun								
Shahabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	66	145	...	5	168	...	85	...
Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	275	198	6	154	517	74	133	...

* At Howrah.

P 3.

Work done by Sub-Judges.

District		Suits.				Miscellaneous.			Appeals.		Remarks.
		Withdrawn, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.	
Backergunge	1st Sub-Judge ...	19	37	27	83	136	53	...	130	8	
	2nd Ditto ...	25	53	52	130	211	102	...	300	11	
Beerbhoom	... ...	10	8	41	59	46	24	...	159	...	
Bhaugulpore	1st Sub-Judge ..	2	1	13	16	22	24	...	208	...	
	2nd Ditto ...	69	87	127	283	269	190	1	170	..	
Burdwan ...	... ...	25	23	33	81	170	117	...	338	...	
Bancoorah	... ...	7	2	13	22	7	21	...	250	..	
Chittagong	... ...	18	9	16	43	93	42	...	403	...	
Cuttack ...	... ...	36	35	52	123	145*	66*	...	2	...	* Including cases disposed of with powers of a moonsiff.
Dacca	1st Sub-Judge ...	32	83	93	208	245	131	...	195	...	
	2nd Ditto ...	15	33	18	66	3	32		474	...	
Dinagepore	... ...	16	16	20	52	39	10	3	107	...	
Furreedpore	... ...	15	25	32	72	92	31	..	434†	..	† Including the work of a temporary 2nd Sub-Judge *i. e.*, 169 appeals.
Gya ...	... ...	72	23	148	243	239	79	4	218	...	
Hooghly	1st Sub-Judge ...	...	...	3	3	2	11	...	107	...	
	2nd Ditto ...	45	53	53	151	218	125	1	296	...	
Jessore	1st Sub-Judge ...	20	25	35	80	85	44	1	292	...	
	2nd Ditto ...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	120	..	
Midnapore	1st Sub-Judge ...	49	20	57	126	163	128	2	207	...	
	2nd Ditto ...	1	...	...	1	...	2	...	366	...	
Moorshedabad	... ...	33	34	46	113	126	69	...	78	...	
Mymensingh	... ...	27	38	40	105	189	59	4	516	...	
Noakhally ...	... ...	3	2	6	11	1	3	...	41	...	
Nuddea ...	... ...	33	54	70	157	103	69	...	313	3	
Patna	1st Sub-Judge ...	42	21	69	132	282	103		88	...	
	2nd Ditto ...	46	26	93	165	38	42	...	404	...	
Pubna ...	... ...	18	27	54	99	104	66	...	70	...	
Purneah ...	... ...	443	199	127	769‡	207	66	1	...	...	‡ Including cases disposed of under powers of Small Cause Court Judge up to Rs. 50.
Rajshahye ...	... ...	17	38	36	91	105	51	3	...	...	
Rungpore ...	... ...	10	28	43	81	58	34	...	249	...	
Sarun	1st Sub-Judge ...	84	86	83	253	138	97	...	23	...	
	2nd Ditto ...	31	26	41	98	1	10	.	405	...	
Shahabad ...	...	35	16	76	127	161	93	...	418	...	
Tipperah	1st Sub-Judge ...	5	25	21	51	112	66	2	599	...	
	2nd Ditto ...	8	10	22	40	56	39	...	330	...	
Tirhoot	1st Sub-Judge ...	56	75	121	252	267	265	1	126	...	
	2nd Ditto ...	60	89	168	317	100	167	...	259	...	
24-Pergunnahs	1st Sub-Judge ...	22	30	44	96	113	49	2	182	...	
	2nd Ditto ...	31	54	86	171	114	67	...	135	...	
Chota Nagpore	... ...	45	38	94	177	209	146	...	255	43	
	Total ...	1,525	1,449	2,173	5,147*a*	4,609*a*	2,793*a*	25*a*	9,267*a*	65*a*	

a These figures do not include the cases disposed of by the Additional Judge of Burdwan, which have been erroneously shown in the statements against the cross heading "Chief Appellate Court other than Chief Court of District".

P 4.

Showing the number of suits and miscellaneous cases disposed of in each Munsiff's Court in 1880.

District.	Munsiffs.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Backergunge ...	Barrisal, 1st	364	1,351	336	2,051	1,026	149	82
	Do., 2nd	209	299	178	686	13	36	...
	Do., 3rd	417	1,007	309	1,733	983	157	37
	Do., 4th	794	1,478	397	2,669	1,448	276	504
	Dukhin Shabazpore, 1st ...	484	1,127	507	2,118	822	153	69
	Do., 2nd ...	138	446	156	740	31	12	...
	Do, 3rd ...	591	969	437	1,997	705	138	30
	Patnakhally, 1st	729	1,280	301	2,310	855	159	398
	Do., 2nd	978	1,406	434	2,818	485	144	32
	Perozepore, 1st	524	1,319	385	2,228	1,105	180	27
	Do., 2nd	555	779	505	1,839	672	187	327
	Total ...	**5,783**	**11,461**	**3,945**	**21,189**	**8,145**	**1,591**	**1,509**
Beerbhoom ...	Soory	478	261	400	1,139	659	101	44
	Doobrajpore	372	182	280	834	251	63	61
	Bholepore	635	341	409	1,385	619	176	127
	Rampore Haut	758	334	442	1,534	604	120	244
	Total ...	**2,243**	**1,118**	**1,531**	**4,892**	**2,133**	**460**	**476**
Bhaugulpore ...	Bhaugulpore	509	487	403	1,399	471	119	481
	Monghyr	814	630	827	2,271	782	224	1,517
	Jumooee	206	191	360	757	380	52	534
	Begoo Serai	735	459	593	1,787	443	132	155
	Modheypoora	989	775	475	2,239	538	73	69
	Banka	618	376	402	1,396	196	49	860
	Total ...	**3,871**	**2,918**	**3,060**	**9,849**	**2,810**	**649**	**3,616**
Burdwan, ...	Sudder, 1st	879	624	303	1,806	850	208	186
	Do., 2nd	617	487	433	1,537	789	206	172
	Do., 3rd	266	174	294	734	109	37	17
	Culna	729	472	349	1,550	627	148	94
	Katwa, 1st	867	458	469	1,794	823	242	437
	Do., 2nd	250	239	391	880	143	31	...
	Budbud	635	682	434	1,751	813	210	179
	Ranigunge	700	211	410	1,321	499	133	141
	Total ...	**4,943**	**3,347**	**3,083**	**11,373**	**4,653**	**1,215**	**1,226**
Bancoora ...	Bankoorah	934	501	381	1,816	1,062	117	83
	Gungajulghati	467	225	277	969	435	114	115
	Bishenpore	862	496	470	1,828	1,005	197	51
	Kotulpore	637	348	252	1,237	645	135	100
	Khattra	477	240	304	1,021	511	74	44
	Total ...	**3,377**	**1,810**	**1,684**	**6,871**	**3,658**	**637**	**383**
Chittagong ...	Sudder	404	351	582	1,337	453	145	26
	Meerseerai	722	442	485	1,649	719	125	78
	Satkania	685	249	339	1,273	547	83	27
	Raojan, 1st	343	606	410	1,359	925	99	28
	Do., 2nd at Rangoonah ...	527	204	387	1,118	470	54	24
	Putteah	561	434	248	1,243	1,272	127	45
	Do., 2nd	562	625	390	1,577	1,434	151	36
	Hathazaree	512	282	619	1,413	435	82	33
	Futtickcherry	511	198	395	1,104	426	84	41
	Anwara	459	270	236	965	311	49	6
	Cox's Bazar	423	154	215	792	278	17	9
	Total ...	**5,709**	**3,815**	**4,306**	**13,830**	**7,270**	**1,016**	**353**

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Showing the number of suits and miscellaneous cases disposed of in each Munsiff's Court in 1880—continued.

District.	Munsiffs.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Cuttack ...	Sudder	1,056	226	215	1,497	248	316	...
	Balasore	1,123	292	364	1,779	317	115	...
	Pooree	751	914	274	1,939	258	40	..
	Jajpore	1,820	274	486	2,580	613	172	...
	Total ...	4,750	1,706	1,339	7,795	1,436	643	.
Dacca ...	Sudder, 1st	243	1,100	253	1,596	428	123	3
	Do., 2nd	527	971	344	1,842	384	64	64
	Kallygunge, 1st	343	1,155	275	1,773	298	66	253
	Do., 2nd	529	600	487	1,516	244	48	19
	Manickgunge, 1st	561	843	326	1,730	529	91	151
	Do., 2nd	828	726	483	2,037	555	128	82
	Do., 3rd	472	521	280	1,273	87	32	9
	Moonshegunge, 1st	721	2,606	474	3,801	1,309	134	274
	Do., 2nd... ...	175	1,300	351	1,826	338	107	49
	Do., 3rd	41	32	96	169	39	14	...
	Total ...	4,440	9,754	3,369	17,563	4,211	807	904
Dinagepore ...	Sudder	689	822	432	1,943	548	161	194
	Terai	95	38	30	163	26	11	...
	Putnitollah	202	182	116	500	95	12	100
	Hemtabad	480	305	282	1,067	171	22	99
	Thacoorgong	606	537	354	1,497	455	99	316
	Do., 2nd	9	21	82	112	...	...	...
	Chintamun	193	563	237	993	116	50	187
	Sub-Judge of Dinagepore with powers of Moonsiff.	116	79	127	322	88	18	...
	Small Cause Court Judge of Darjeeling with powers of Munsiff.	73	67	13	153	34	11	...
	Total ...	24,63	2,614	1,763	6,750	1,533	384	896
Furreedpore ...	Sudder	431	988	414	1,833	1,212	108	78
	Bhanga, 1st	414	1,062	234	1,710	771	62	15
	Do., 2nd	1,030	2,826	496	4,352	957	146	12
	Goalundo, 1st	601	470	274	1,345	632	168	89
	Do., 2nd	567	464	253	1,284	288	53	
	Madaripore	461	1,900	247	2,608	805	95	37
	Moolfutgunge	528	1,218	308	2,054	396	85	26
	Do., 2nd	575	1,020	292	1,887	324	75	10
	Total ...	4,607	9,948	2,518	17,073	5,415	792	267
Gya ...	Sudder, 1st	390	210	338	938	622	145	161
	Do., 2nd	319	150	425	894	462	89	398
	Arungabad, ...	81	113	175	369	207	41	133
	Total ...	790	473	938	2,201	1,291	275	692
Hoogrly ...	Sudder, 1st	475	383	217	1,075	340	129	90
	Do., 2nd	409	263	252	924	341	144	401
	Howrah, 1st	627	648	350	1,625	595	292	577
	Do., 2nd	351	513	472	1,336	245	125	..
	Serampore, 1st	755	1,058	615	2,428	897	240	128
	Do., 2nd	107	84	114	305	...	...	...
	Haripal	440	490	395	1,325	657	149	278
	Moheshrekha, 1st	720	304	217	1,241	341	222	528
	Do., 2nd	332	236	229	797	273	175	200
	Jehanabad 1st	505	301	281	1,087	656	165	365
	Do, 2nd	438	235	241	914	326	46	...
	Total ...	5,159	4,515	3,383	13,057	4,671	1,687	2,562

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District.	Munsiffee.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Jessore ...	Sudder, 1st	777	814	628	2,219	1,028	79	38
	Do., 2nd	652	984	605	2,241	1,025	185	63
	Do., 3rd	544	811	754	2,109	1,087	202	92
	Narail, 1st	385	715	537	1,637	1,090	187	93
	Do., 2nd	316	597	376	1,289	790	82	45
	Jhenidah	728	780	904	2,412	1,036	225	226
	Bagirhat, 1st	742	1,104	433	2,279	923	156	78
	Do., 2nd	310	334	347	991	258	77	74
	Magoorah	794	1,041	578	2,413	915	101	84
	Khoolnah	1,258	1,832	654	3,744	1,452	166	203
	Do., Additional ...	162	232	256	650	...	...	...
	Total ...	6,668	9,244	6,072	21,984	9,604	1,460	991
Midnapore ...	Sudder, 1st	1,708	814	693	3,215	1,357	303	578
	Do., 2nd	1,108	442	415	1,965	818	155	513
	Dantoon	607	291	221	1,119	235	79	2,820
	Nemral, 1st	801	284	454	1,539	820	225	329
	Do., 2nd	359	96	251	706	144	45	..
	Do., 3rd	298	215	199	712	111	27	...
	Gurbetta	824	812	331	1,967	833	244	425
	Tumlook 1st	1,072	400	389	1,861	625	251	842
	Do., 2nd	261	97	160	518	75	60	...
	Do., 3rd	195	170	90	455	22	19	...
	Ghattal	662	294	338	1,294	464	166	789
	Do., Additional	138	29	83	250	6	2	...
	Total ..	8,033	3,944	3,624	15,601	5,510	1,576	6,296
Moorshedabad...	Sudder, 1st	762	841	523	2,126	666	91	148
	Do., 2nd	579	626	252	1,457	511	87	74
	Kandi	900	616	577	2,093	509	100	383
	Jungipore	1,092	1,110	667	2,869	684	117	197
	Do., Additional ...	11	3	103	117	...	...	...
	Azimgunge	847	1,103	401	2,351	474	137	142
	Total ...	4,191	4,299	2,523	11,013	28,44	532	944
Mymensingh ...	Sudder	844	774	475	2,093	393	97	205
	Do., Additional	50	55	31	136	...	...	...
	Ishragunge	90	754	387	1,231	360	40	23
	Ghosegong	261	1,041	351	1,653	405	49	35
	Hoseinpore, 1st	373	368	333	1,074	506	52	15
	Do., 2nd	504	538	362	1,404	541	71	40
	Pingna	301	798	212	1,311	532	54	31
	Sherepore	142	483	180	805	219	51	18
	Attia, 1st	313	1,004	496	1,813	499	131	37
	Do., 2nd	229	674	241	1,144	300	38	47
	Do., Additional	59	216	84	359	...	...	...
	Jamalpore	380	650	276	1,306	480	62	20
	Nitrokona 1st	329	1,097	486	1,912	484	81	7
	Do., 2nd	521	938	397	1,856	642	82	5
	Bazitpore	474	688	431	1,593	644	69	8
	Total ...	4,870	10,078	4,742	19,690	6,005	377	491
Noakhally ...	Soodharam 1st	776	878	513	2,167	986	153	60
	Do., 2nd	189	303	216	708	169	17	..
	Lukhipore 1st	789	696	509	1,994	860	119	175
	Do., 2nd	667	658	504	1,829	596	123	3
	Sundeep	633	349	383	1,365	560	80	20
	Begumgunge	806	670	412	1,888	817	73	66
	Dewangunge 1st	584	519	684	1,787	810	40	333
	Do., 2nd	86	168	167	421	...	2	...
	Total ...	4,530	4,241	3,388	21,159	4,79	607	657

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District.	Munsiffs.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Nuddea ...	Kishnagur, 1st	285	355	288	928	582	94	215
	Do., 2nd	112	65	209	386	48	20	..
	Kooshtea, 1st	228	256	346	830	329	151	81
	Do., 2nd	203	310	275	788	317	86	15
	Bongong, 1st	578	523	323	1,424	534	108	60
	Do., 2nd	516	585	341	1,442	849	55	22
	Meherpore	369	228	189	726	350	47	49
	Ranaghat	347	404	285	1,036	506	100	200
	Chooadangah	221	243	238	702	366	97	90
	Total ...	**2,799**	**2,969**	**2,494**	**8,262**	**3,881**	**758**	**682**
Patna ...	Sudder, 1st	290	136	287	713	622	142	450
	Do., 2nd	262	109	410	781	496	142	1,021
	Do., 3rd	320	229	827	1,376	273	76	355
	Behar	214	72	545	831	324	84	430
	Total ...	**1,086**	**546**	**2,069**	**3,701**	**1,715**	**444**	**2,256**
Pubna and Bogra	Pubna	260	538	532	1,330	520	124	205
	Bogra, 1st	628	605	316	1,549	532	126	119
	Do., 2nd	345	245	306	896	123	34	115
	Shazadpore	504	416	263	1,183	542	79	78
	Serajgunge	411	1,027	307	1,745	542	142	36
	Total ...	**2,148**	**2,831**	**1,724**	**6,703**	**2,259**	**505**	**553**
Purneah ...	Sudder	316	889	388	1,593	333	184	372
	Kudha	298	586	271	1,155	140	63	416
	Arrarcah, 1st	509	262	302	1,073	269	104	558
	Do., 2nd	255	256	331	842	193	9	...
	Kishengunge	1,215	545	679	2,439	765	143	722
	Do, addl.	107	60	47	214	...	...	...
	Total ...	**2,700**	**2,598**	**2,018**	**7,316**	**1,700**	**584**	**2,068**
Rajshahye ...	Beauleah	719	450	291	1,460	447	154	210
	Nattore	720	378	264	1,362	363	100	163
	Malda	985	570	549	2,104	588	145	95
	Seebgunge	407	980	446	1,833	466	72	43
	Total ...	**2,831**	**2,378**	**1,550**	**6,759**	**1,864**	**471**	**511**
Rungpore ...	Rungpore, 1st ...	876	735	410	2,021	290	72	94
	Do., 2nd	310	254	262	826	141	45	43
	Do, 3rd	322	448	299	1,069	348	87	27
	Kurigaon, 1st	914	533	457	1,904	220	72	66
	Do., 2nd	330	1,002	395	1,727	298	112	35
	Do., 3rd	48	36	75	159	...	...	...
	Nelphamaree 1st	595	880	346	1,821	725	77	11
	Do., 2nd	262	394	266	922	162	24	4
	Gaibunda 1st	431	468	152	1,051	342	63	65
	Do., 2nd	371	339	199	909	112	27	31
	Julpigooree	594	420	313	1,327	458	78	...
	Alipore	114	38	34	186	41	17	..
	Total ...	**5,167**	**5,547**	**3,208**	**13,922**	**3,137**	**674**	**376**

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Showing the number of suits and miscellaneous cases disposed of in each Munsiff's Court in 1880—concluded.

District.	Munsiffee.	Suits.				Miscellaneous cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Sarun ...	Chupra, 1st	450	331	267	1,048	508	132	350
	Do., 2nd	181	101	163	445	144	41	...
	Sewan	493	219	513	1,225	456	281	653
	Motihari	700	222	462	1,384	405	133	1,756
	Pursa	352	231	375	958	473	45	744
	Total ...	**2,176**	**1,104**	**1,780**	**5,060**	**1,986**	**632**	**3,503**
Shahabad ...	Arrah, 1st	796	336	527	1,659	570	133	624
	Do., 2nd	837	569	511	1,917	1,145	143	108
	Buxar	637	446	550	1,633	706	148	351
	Sasseeram	503	152	347	1,002	430	119	562
	Total ...	**2,773**	**1,503**	**1,935**	**6,211**	**28,51**	**543**	**1,645**
Tipperah ...	Commillah, 1st	361	238	390	989	347	88	30
	Do., 2nd	415	292	395	1,102	421	92	27
	Do., 3rd	230	240	299	769	217	25	60
	Brahmunbercah, 1st ...	341	549	347	1,239	474	72	17
	Do., 2nd ...	399	472	262	1,133	386	44	16
	Do., 3rd ...	414	511	304	1,229	634	86	23
	Kushba Noornuger ...	525	519	248	1,292	478	95	31
	Ram Roygram	735	485	748	1,968	388	75	908
	Mooradnuggur, 1st ...	837	784	594	2,215	735	169	2,350
	Do., 2nd	618	592	446	1,656	384	91	246
	Do., 3rd	693	561	470	1,724	498	74	85
	Chandpore	992	2,003	719	3,714	1,165	65	49
	Total ...	**6,560**	**7,246**	**5,222**	**19,028**	**6,127**	**976**	**3,842**
Tirhoot ...	Mozufferpore, 1st	297	196	443	936	169	39	379
	Do., 2nd	402	371	375	1,148	882	165	82
	Tajpore	408	139	833	1,380	862	180	322
	Hajeepere	447	282	490	1,219	548	131	226
	Modhubanee	136	89	270	495	337	145	642
	Durbhungah	341	244	399	984	513	134	352
	Sectamarhee	314	111	368	793	481	89	318
	Total ...	**2,345**	**1,432**	**3,178**	**6,955**	**3,792**	**883**	**2,321**
24-Pergunnahs.	Alipore, 1st	478	431	336	1,245	459	127	102
	Do., 2nd	532	408	306	1,246	387	142	136
	Do., 3rd	451	309	208	968	...	16	...
	Diamond Harbour, 1st ...	1,031	767	480	2,278	1,339	149	169
	Do., 2nd ...	627	585	423	1,635	598	199	221
	Do., 3rd ...	25	5	73	103	...	...	...
	Barasat, 1st	603	624	560	1,787	744	118	76
	Do., 2nd	674	492	417	1,583	545	88	82
	Satkhirah, 1st	640	647	394	1,681	499	105	57
	Do., 2nd	822	606	439	1,867	633	146	56
	Busserhaut, 1st	780	412	449	1,591	518	105	225
	Do., 2nd	722	427	377	1,526	577	70	71
	Sealdah	598	592	415	1,605	504	162	48
	Barroipore, 1st	791	305	240	1,336	426	78	294
	Do., 2nd	250	181	247	678	3	10	...
	Total ...	**8,974**	**6,791**	**5,364**	**21,129**	**7,232**	**1,515**	**1,537**
Chota Nagpore.	Lohardugga	39	35	78	152	74	30	
	Ranchee	136	96	132	364	163	81	
	Palamow	229	61	90	380	95	53	
	Hazareebagh	152	57	85	294	54	38	
	Chattra	74	49	46	169	29	30	48
	Khurrukdea	261	168	170	599	157	19	
	Purulia	385	143	274	802	529	124	
	Barabazar	278	87	199	564	130	36	
	Rughunathpore	337	110	345	792	381	52	
	Total ..	**1,891**	**806**	**1,419**	**4,116**	**1,612**	**463**	**48**
	GRAND TOTAL ...	**117,877**	**121,036**	**83,139**	**322,052**	**114,143**	**23,656**	**41,612**

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Average duration of cases.

DISTRICTS.	Procedure.*	District Judges. Contested. Y. M. D.	District Judges. Uncontested. Y. M. D.	Subordinate Judges. Contested. Y. M. D.	Subordinate Judges. Uncontested. Y. M. D.	Moonsiffs. Contested. Y. M. D.	Moonsiffs. Uncontested. Y. M. D.	Small Cause Court Judges. Contested. Y. M. D.	Small Cause Court Judges. Uncontested. Y. M. D.
Backergunge	O.	0 4 29	0 3 11	0 5 4 0 3 4	0 2 10 0 2 6	0 5 5 0 4 10	0 2 21 0 2 3	0 0 27 ...	0 0 21 ...
Beerbhoom	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 28	0 0 22	...	...
Bhaugulpore	O.	...	...	0 6 15	0 3 20	0 2 5	0 1 1	0 1 5	0 0 27
Burdwan	S.	0 7 27	0 2 12	0 5 24	0 2 29	0 3 15	0 1 24	...	...
Bancoora	O.					0 1 5	0 0 29		
Chittagong	S.	0 1 16	0 2 10	0 5 4	0 6 26	0 3 0	0 1 10	...	...
Cuttack	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 1	0 1 0	...	...
	O.	0 7 18	0 8 11	1 1 15	0 3 11	0 4 18	0 2 18	...	...
Dacca	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 4	0 1 6	0 0 21	0 0 17
	O.	0 3 14	0 4 2	0 5 20	0 2 24	0 3 27	0 1 19	...	...
Dinagepore	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 15	0 1 0	0 1 10	0 0 28
	O.	0 4 15	0 2 5	0 6 9	0 2 9	0 3 1	0 1 19	...	...
Furreedpore	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 7	0 0 28	0 1 7	0 1 1
	O.	0 6 18	0 9 6	0 7 18	0 3 25	0 3 7	0 1 16	...	...
Gya	S.	..	...	...	...	0 1 11	0 1 8	0 1 2	0 1 3
	O.	0 2 19	2 10 5	0 7 10	0 4 27	0 3 18	0 1 19	...	...
Hooghly	S.	...	..	...	...	0 0 22	0 0 21	...	...
	O.	1 2 23 0 3 0	0 11 15 0 2 20	0 5 5 0 4 0	0 2 6 0 2 17	0 2 25 0 2 5	0 1 12 0 1 12	0 1 3	0 1 5
Jessore	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 22	0 0 16	0 0 26	0 0 16
	O.	0 2 17	...	0 10 3	0 6 19	0 4 11	0 2 7	...	...
Midnapore	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 4	0 0 25	0 1 7	0 0 28
	O.	0 3 1	0 1 19	0 5 22	0 3 4	0 3 10	0 1 24	...	...
Moorshedabad	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 4	0 1 2	0 0 21	0 0 24
	O.	0 6 21	1 0 18	1 0 0	0 3 11	0 3 6	0 1 13	...	...
Mymensiugh	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 5	0 0 24	...	...
	O.	0 3 13	0 2 14	0 5 6	0 4 5	0 3 8	0 2 14	...	...
Noakhally	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 2	0 0 28	...	...
	O.	0 2 16	0 5 6	0 8 3	0 1 26	0 3 14	0 1 20	...	...
Nuddea	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 0	0 0 22	0 0 21	0 0 18
Patna	O.	0 6 9 0 1 12	0 7 18 0 5 9	0 7 25 0 5 29	0 3 23 0 2 21	0 4 7 0 3 5	0 1 25 0 1 21	0 0 21 ...	0 0 17 ...
Pubna and Bogra	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 9	0 1 2	0 0 16	0 0 16
	O.	0 3 28	0 3 26	0 4 22	0 2 21	0 2 28	0 1 14	...	...
Purneah	S.	...	...	0 0 18	0 0 17	...	...	...	...
	O.	0 3 15	0 3 25	0 6 9	0 3 8	0 3 22	0 1 9	...	...
Rajshahye	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 26	0 0 22	0 1 2	0 1 0
	O.	0 2 16	0 1 18	0 7 3	0 1 4	0 4 25	0 2 5	...	...
Rungpore	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 4	0 0 29	...	...
	O.	0 3 13	0 4 19	0 11 13	0 4 2	0 4 1	0 2 15	...	...
Sarun	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 9	0 1 2	...	...
Shahabad	O.	0 8 11	...	0 7 23 0 4 27	0 4 1 0 1 22	0 3 19 0 4 10	0 1 18 0 2 1	...	...
Tipperah	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 22	0 0 12	...	..
Tirhoot	O.	1 9 21 0 5 11	... 0 0 2	0 11 9 0 7 23	0 4 17 0 4 0	0 3 24 0 3 3	0 2 3 0 1 25	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 5	0 0 28	0 0 25	0 0 15
Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	0 7 26	0 3 9	0 2 5	0 1 4	...	...
General average	O.	0 5 5	0 5 12	0 7 27	0 3 17	0 3 15	0 1 23	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 0 18	0 0 17	0 1 3	0 0 28	0 0 28	0 0 22

* O. indicates suits disposed of under the procedure generally applicable in the Regular Civil Courts; S. those disposed of under Small Cause Court procedure.

R.

Total Receipts and Charges of Civil Courts, 1880.

District.	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.	Deficit.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	3,44,458	1,15,892	2,28,566	...
Beerbhoom	1,03,640	74,879	28,761	...
Bhaugulpore	3,02,131	1,05,209	1,97,222	...
Burdwan	3,22,092	1,76,470	1,45,622	...
Bancoora				
Chittagong	1,97,439	1,08,327	89,112	...
Cuttack	1,29,722	74,112	55,610	...
Dacca	3,60,574	1,30,887	2,29,687	...
Dinagepore	1,18,059	81,595	36,464	...
Furreedpore	2,07,722	85,745	1,21,977	...
Gya	1,27,574	69,441	58,133	...
Hooghly	2,93,932	1,23,504	1,70,428	...
Jessore	3,91,053	1,65,172	2,25,881	...
Midnapore	2,48,789	1,23,675	1,25,114	...
Moorshedabad	1,60,629	94,258	66,371	...
Mymensingh	3,40,736	1,29,573	2,11,163	...
Noakhally	1,39,549	70,453	69,096	...
Nuddea	2,42,280	1,46,765	95,515	...
Patna	1,79,958	85,670	94,288	...
Pubna and Bogra	1,61,084	73,982	87,102	..
Purneah	99,808	71,708	28,100	...
Rajshahye	1,52,912	74,237	78,675	...
Rungpore	1,86,640	1,09,175	77,465	...
Sarun	1,87,709	85,341	1,02,368	...
Shahabad	1,70,552	70,079	1,00,473	...
Tipperah	2,44,118	1,36,605	1,07,513	...
Tirhoot	2,82,862	99,623	1,83,239	...
24-Pergunnahs	4,03,112	2,01,599	2,01,513	...
Chota Nagpore	1,07,253	1,15,352	...	8,099
Total ...	62,06,687	29,99,328	3,207,359	...
Calcutta	9,70,328	11,70,662	...	2,00,334
GRAND TOTAL ...	71,77,015	41,69,990	30,07,025	...

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Details of the Receipts and Charges of the several classes of Civil Courts.

DISTRICT.	RECEIPTS.						CHARGES.						
	In Court-fee Stamps.		In cash or special Stamps.			Total.	Share of officers' salary debitable to Civil Justice.	Establishments.			Contingencies.		Total.
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Other receipts credited to Government.			Process servers.	Salaried copying and comparing clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists not on the paid establishment.	Contingencies and Refunds.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	95,411	2,35,529	526	9,815	3,177	3,44,458	48,665	25,676	...	30,757	4,224	6,570	1,15,892
Beerbhoom	34,053	64,173	331	3,458	1,625	1,03,640	38,613	17,402	120	15,675	1,475	1,594	74,879
Bhaugulpore	63,944	2,27,292	366	7,365	3,464	3,02,431	50,450	21,624	90	27,209	849	4,987	1,05,209
Burdwan	92,338	2,08,955	645	15,439	4,715	3,22,092	91,466	35,782	944	35,073	5,304	7,901	1,76,470
Bancoora													
Chittagong	60,999	1,22,015	470	9,787	4,168	1,97,439	42,381	28,532	144	27,949	4,162	5,159	1,08,327
Cuttack	30,068	92,144	348	4,909	2,253	1,29,722	35,677	13,876	...	20,142	2,188	2,229	74,112
Dacca	98,200	2,45,688	360	10,950	5,376	3,60,574	64,110	26,147	112	29,500	3,702	7,316	1,30,887
Dinagepore	30,345	80,646	402	3,089	3,577	1,18,059	44,539	14,929	31	18,361	1,371	2,364	81,595
Furreedpore	63,429	1,33,297	312	8,370	2,314	2,07,722	39,076	20,147	...	20,119	3,265	3,138	85,745
Gya	28,090	91,108	979	5,170	2,227	1,27,574	32,831	14,706	26	16,499	2,178	3,201	69,441
Hooghly	76,571	2,03,839	367	10,480	2,675	2,93,932	60,511	22,905	60	31,184	4,291	4,553	1,23,504
Jessore	1,27,987	2,49,223	169	11,973	1,701	3,91,053	82,300	34,822	30	36,816	4,475	6,729	1,65,172
Midnapore	66,838	1,64,363	350	15,868	1,370	2,48,789	58,897	25,444	58	26,860	7,414	5,002	1,23,675
Moorshedabad	44,334	1,07,176	53	3,612	5,460	1,60,629	47,583	19,349	105	20,718	3,081	3,422	94,258
Mymensingh	1,12,989	2,05,521	947	13,390	7,889	3,40,736	59,767	30,404	...	26,850	5,871	6,681	1,29,573
Noakhally	42,255	88,736	628	5,970	1,960	1,39,549	34,085	15,777	85	14,942	2,258	3,306	70,453
Nuddea	79,155	1,52,991	228	7,549	2,357	2,42,280	78,357	22,862	55	35,667	3,582	6,242	1,46,765
Patna	35,045	1,35,774	221	7,588	1,330	1,79,958	45,310	15,587	55	20,213	2,942	1,563	85,670
Pubna and Bogra	48,735	1,02,743	2,383	6,784	439	1,61,084	35,365	14,793	37	18,366	2,682	2,739	73,982
Purneah	26,894	68,035	274	3,274	1,331	99,808	37,385	12,245	15	18,931	1,084	2,048	71,708
Rajshahye	42,268	99,013	463	5,461	5,707	1,52,912	38,513	11,737	11	18,017	2,861	3,098	74,237
Rungpore	53,608	1,24,408	364	5,763	2,497	1,86,640	49,713	25,567	18	26,362	1,964	5,551	1,09,175
Sarun	33,432	1,44,351	427	6,434	3,065	1,87,709	43,516	16,775	33	20,379	1,414	3,224	85,341
Shahabad	35,462	1,27,875	84	6,140	991	1,70,552	30,176	14,842	27	17,454	2,466	5,114	70,079
Tipperah	75,089	1,53,233	259	10,974	4,563	2,44,118	68,858	30,674	47	30,815	4,199	2,012	1,36,605
Tirhoot	63,066	2,08,282	407	10,508	599	2,82,862	53,638	21,140	4	19,950	2,024	2,867	99,623
24-Pergunnahs	99,727	2,74,303	669	18,843	9,570	4,03,112	1,03,511	34,482	1,500	46,323	8,474	7,309	2,01,599
Chota Nagpore	26,703	74,749	501	3,589	1,711	1,07,253	60,963	17,486	210	32,095	1,313	3,285	1,15,352
Total for Courts in Interior — Small Cause Court	1,16,887	2,64,752	393	3,063	1,422	3,86,517	89,412	28,276	...	48,067	1,286	8,048	1,75,089
Total for Courts in Interior — Munsiffs	12,74,249	24,65,640	9,445	1,39,764	22,842	39,11,940	6,63,377	4,10,011	166	2,89,210	47,971	48,576	14,59,311
Total for Courts in Interior — Subordinate Judges	2,09,123	9,28,900	3,311	32,972	8,816	11,83,122	3,10,442	70,287	68	97,233	12,204	11,598	5,01,832
Total for Courts in Interior — Judges and Additional Judges ..	86,776	5,26,164	384	56,753	55,031	7,25,108	4,13,025	97,138	3,583	2,68,716	29,652	50,982	8,63,096
Total for Courts in Interior — Total ...	16,87,035	41,85,456	13,533	2,32,552	88,111	62,06,687	14,76,256	6,05,712	3,817	7,03,226	91,113	1,19,204	29,99,328
Total for Courts at the Presidency — Presidency Small Cause Court ...	2,76,249	347	178	...	2,864	2,79,638	76,067	5,989	...	77,227	...	48,447	2,07,730
Total for Courts at the Presidency — High Court Appellate Side ...	10,757	1,84,227	...	...	39,241	2,34,225	4,11,000	...	...	2,24,922	...	39,318	6,75,240
Total for Courts at the Presidency — High Court Original Side ...	...	3,88,124	250	...	68,091	4,56,465	1,11,000	...	...	1,64,185	...	12,507	2,87,692
Total for Courts at the Presidency — Total ...	2,87,006	5,72,698	428	...	1,10,196	9,70,328	5,98,067	5,989	...	4,66,334	...	1,00,272	11,70,662
GRAND TOTAL ...	19,74,041	47,58,154	13,961	2,32,552	1,98,307	71,77,015	20,74,323	6,11,701	3,817	11,69,560	91,113	2,19,476	41,69,990

T.

Statement showing the number of Probates, Letters of Administration, and Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860, granted in Bengal during the year 1880, and the amount of duty realised thereon.

Scale of Values.	Court.	Number of probates or letters of administration with will annexed.	Amount of court-fees paid.	Number of letters of administration (as in the case of intestacy).	Amount of court-fees paid.	Number of certificates under Act XXVII of 1860.	Amount of court-fees paid.
			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Not exceeding 1,000 ...	High Court ...	4	...	8	...	...	...
	District Court	246	...	16	...	1,289	...
Above 1,000 up to 5,000 ...	High Court ...	63	3,412	84	3,989	...	...
	District Court	108	5,316	13	589	221	13,322
Above 5,000 up to 10,000...	High Court ...	24	3,304	26	3,452	...	...
	District Court	26	6,609	6	640	35	4,926
Above 10,000 up to 50,000	High Court ...	52	21,744	42	16,955	...	...
	District Court	26	11,083	6	2,910	26	11,297
Above 50,000 up to 1,00,000	High Court ...	17	24,089	3	3,332	...	...
	District Court	4	6,960	1	1,038	3	4,448
Above 1,00,000 ...	High Court ...	21	90,727	1	2,163	...	...
	District Court	4	29,860	...	...	3	23,320
Total ...	High Court ...	181	1,43,276	164	29,891	...	...
	District Court	414	59,828	42	5,177	1,577	57,313
Total — Dutiable ...	All Courts ...	345	2,03,104	182	35,068	288	57,313
Total — Not Dutiable		250	...	24	...	1,289	...
Grand Total ...	...	**595**	**2,03,104**	**206**	**35,068**	**1,577**	**57,313**

U.

Receipts and disbursements on account of Ameens, 1880-81.

District.	Permanent Ameens.		Temporary Ameens.		Fees paid for the employment of Moonsiffs as Commissioners.	Number of Permanent Ameens with Grades.	
	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Receipts.	Disbursements.			
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	1st G.	2nd G.
Backergunge ...	2,289	1,647	...	...	...	1	2
Beerbhoom ...	402	600	...	...	...	...	1
Bhangulpore ...	2,059	1,440	...	...	8	1	1
Burdwan ...	1,671	1,338	...	...	30	...	2
Chittagong ...	1,545	1,440	...	...	40	1	1
Cuttack ...	1,276	1,440	...	...	30	1	1
Dacca ...	1,677	1,396	492	338	50	1	1
Dinagepur ...	581	587	10	...	...	...	1
Furreedpore ...	551	809	753	622	10	1	...
Gya ...	767	600	...	...	157	...	1
Hooghly ...	693	600	16	16	14	...	1
Jessore ...	1,717	1,440	...	...	50	1	1
Midnapur ...	1,146	1,200	...	...	10	1	1
Moorshedabad ...	831	840	...	...	...	1	...
Mymensingh ...	3,543	2,040	...	...	150	1	2
Noakhally ...	860	600	...	...	...	...	1
Nuddea ...	494	598	...	...	10	...	1
Patna ...	723	600	100	100	...	...	1
Pubna and Bogra ...	1,116	840	288	323	20	1	1
Purneah ...	1,251	600	...	...	...	...	1
Rajshahye ...	1,293	1,200	...	...	10	...	2
Rungpore ...	2,171	2,575	...	...	60	1	3
Sarun ...	1,006	840	...	...	...	1	...
Shahabad ...	886	1,200	...	...	8	...	2
Tipperah ...	819	600	...	...	14	...	1
Tirhoot ...	1,738	2,180	...	...	10	...	4
24-Pergunnahs ...	913	840	942	1,136	...	1	...
Chota Nagpur ...	1,149	1,351	116	116	...	...	3
Add 10 per cent. on account of Pension ...	...	3,144	...	...	...	...	...
Total ..	**35,167**	**34,585**	**2,717**	**2,651**	**681**	**14**	**36**

V.

Statistics of Local Enquiries, 1880.

BENGAL.

Scale of value.	No.	Aggregate value.	Average value.	Aggregate cost of local enquiry only.	Average cost of local enquiry.	Average time occupied in enquiry.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Days.
Cases not exceeding Rs. 5...	66	284	4	1,048	16	3
Ditto „ 20...	194	2,626	13	3,674	19	4
Ditto „ 50...	337	12,582	37	5,406	16	3
Ditto „ 100...	306	26,738	87	5,152	17	4
Ditto „ 500...	442	1,00,059	226	14,368	32	6
Ditto „ 1,000...	128	88,778	693	6,230	49	10
Cases exceeding „ 1,000...	197	10,37,117	5,264	14,311	73	17
Total ...	**1,670**	**12,68,184**	**759·4**	**50,189**	**30**	...

W.

Number of Applications for a Declaration of Insolvency instituted, disposed of, and pending in the past as compared with the previous year.

Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Backergunge	10	12	11	9	1	4
Beerbhoom	2	6	2	5	...	1
Bhaugulpore	4	7	4	7	...	...
Burdwan, ...	8	11	8	9	...	3
Bancoora	4		5		1	
Chittagong	8	7	5	9	5	3
Cuttack	7	4	8	4	1	1
Dacca	17	23	15	21	3	5
Dinagepore	7	10	7	8	...	2
Furreedpore	1	4	2	3	...	1
Gya	...	9	...	9	...	...
Hooghly	13	22	10	13	4	13
Jessore	4	8	4	8	...	...
Midnapore	13	17	7	21	6	2
Moorshedabad	9	14	9	12	1	3
Mymensingh	2	7	1	7	1	1
Noakhally	8	...	8	3	3	...
Nuddea	3	7	2	7	1	1
Patna	11	26	8	23	5	8
Pubna & Bogra	1	2	...	2	1	1
Purneah	2	5	1	5	1	1
Rajshahye	2	3	1	4	1	...
Rungpore	8	11	8	9	...	2
Sarun	4	7	2	7	1	1
Shahabad	3	5	3	5	...	...
Tipperah	13	10	11	10	2	2
Tirhoot	6	12	8	11	1	2
24-Pergunnahs	14	21	11	19	4	6
Chota Nagpore	2	5	4	6	1	...
Total ...	186	275	165	256	44	63

W 1.

Number of persons declared to be insolvent, and of those who obtained their discharge during the past as compared with the previous year.

Districts.	Declared to be insolvent.		Discharged.		Pending.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Backergunge	2	9	2	9	...	...
Beerbhoom	...	1	...	1	...	...
Bhaugulpore	3	4	3	4	...	...
Burdwan	3	5	3	5	...	...
Bancoora						
Chittagong	...	1	...	1	...	...
Cuttack	1	...	1	...	...	...
Dacca	5	4	5	4	...	...
Dinagepore	1	4	1	3	...	1
Furreedpore	1	...	1	...	...	...
Gya	...	2	...	2	...	...
Hooghly	...	3	...	3	...	...
Jessore	2	5	2	5	...	...
Midnapore	1	1	1	1	...	..
Moorshedabad	2	7	2	8	...	...
Mymensingh	...	2	...	2	...	...
Noakhally	2	1	2	1	...	...
Nuddéa	...	2	...	2	...	...
Patna	1	8	1	8	...	...
Pubna & Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	1	...	...	...	1
Rajshahye	...	1	...	1	...	...
Rungpore	3	3	3	3	3	...
Sarun	1	1	1	1	...	...
Shahabad	1	1	1	1	...	...
Tipperah	4	7	4	7	...	2
Tirhoot	2	4	2	4	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	4	9	4	9	...	...
Chota Nagpore	2	...	4	...	...	...
Total ...	41	86	43	85	3	4

W 2.

Realizations and disbursements by receivers appointed under Section 351 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Districts.	Realised.		Disbursed.		Balance.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bancoora	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	...	...	...	...	107	107
Dinagepore	...	30	...	30	...	...
Furreedpore	31	...	...	...	31	31
Gya	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jessore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noakhally	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	...	40	...	...	...	40
Patna	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pubna & Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	1,441	...	75	...	1,366
Rajshahye	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore	...	...	...	..	...	...
Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot	...	...	...	...	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	31	1,511	...	105	138	1,544

X.

BUSINESS DISPOSED OF IN THE HIGH COURT IN 1880.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Lower Provinces of Bengal, Assam, and British Burmah.

NATURE OF APPEALS.	Remaining at the close of 1879.	Brought before the Court in 1880.	Disposed of in 1880.	Remaining at the close of 1881.
CIVIL.	*A.*	*B.*	*C.*	*D.*
FIRST APPEALS ... From Original Decrees of the Courts in the interior ...	495	396	356	535
FIRST APPEALS ... From Original Decrees of the High Court	25	44	42	27
FIRST APPEALS ... From Original Orders of the Courts in the interior ...	116	231	252	95
FIRST APPEALS ... From Original Orders of the High Court	...	...	...	...
SECOND APPEALS ... From Appellate Decrees of the High Court	...	...	...	...
SECOND APPEALS ... From Appellate Decrees of the Courts in the interior ...	3,045	2,566	2,245	3,366
SECOND APPEALS ... From Appellate Orders of the High Court	...	...	...	...
SECOND APPEALS ... From Appellate Orders of the Courts in the interior ...	60	128	142	46
THIRD APPEALS ... From Appellate Decrees in the High Court of two Judges hearing Second Appeals	...	...	...	...
THIRD APPEALS ... From Appellate Decrees in the High Court of one Judge hearing Second Appeals	16	45	55	6
REFERENCES TO A FULL BENCH. In First Appeals from Original Decrees ...	1	5	6	...
REFERENCES TO A FULL BENCH. In First Appeals from Original Orders ...	...	...	...	...
REFERENCES TO A FULL BENCH. In Second Appeals from Appellate Decrees ...	1	9	10	...
REFERENCES TO A FULL BENCH. In Second Appeals from Appellate Orders ...	...	...	...	...
APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW. In First Appeals from Original Decrees ...	...	4	4	...
APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW. In First Appeals from Original Orders ...	...	5	5	...
APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW. In Second Appeals from Appellate Decrees ...	...	20	20	...
APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW. In Second Appeals from Appellate Orders ...	...	4	4	...
REFERENCES ... Under Section 617, Act X of 1877	3	20	21	2
REFERENCES ... Under Section 46, Act I of 1879 (Stamp Act) ...	...	2	.	2
REFERENCES ... Under Section 12 of the Legal Practitioners' Act ...	...	12	12	...
REFERENCES ... Under Section 23 of Act X of 1877	...	4	4	...
Divorce cases	1	1	2	...
Miscellaneous Orders in Court	186	1,750	1,826	110
TOTAL ...	3,949	5,646	5,006	4,189
CRIMINAL.				
CRIMINAL CASES ... Appeals	93	830	854	69
CRIMINAL CASES ... References under Section 186, Act X of 1872 ...	...	2	2	...
CRIMINAL CASES ... References under Section 263, Act X of 1872 ...	5	27	28	4
CRIMINAL CASES ... References under Section 287, Act X of 1872 ...	7	69	70	6
CRIMINAL CASES ... Revisions	27	555	544	38
CRIMINAL CASES ... Full Bench References	1	1	2	...
CRIMINAL CASES ... Miscellaneous Orders in Court	1	31	32	...
TOTAL ...	134	1,515	1,532	117
GRAND TOTAL ...	4,083	7,161	6,538	4,306

A. Of these 43 are Will cases.

B. Of these 26 are Will cases.

C. Of these 38 are Will cases.

D. Of these 40 are Will cases.

REMARKS.

DAYS OF SITTINGS WITH NUMBER OF JUDGES.

Days.	Barrister Judges.	Civilian Judges	Other Judges.
1	4	6	...
46	3	6	1
14	3	5	1
2	3	4	1
18	2	6	1
12	2	6	...
28	2	6	1
10	2	5	...
7	2	4	1
2	2	3	1
27	1	6	1
5	1	6	...
240 16	1	5	1
4	1	5	...
3	1	4	1
1	1	3	1
2	1	2	1
30	1	1	...
1	1	...	1
2	...	5	1
1	...	4	1
1	...	2	1
2	...	2	...
5	...	1	1

NOTE.—Besides the above, 645 orders were passed out of Court on review of periodical returns (Civil and Criminal) and Sessions Statements. Numerous and important orders occupying much of the time of the Judges were also passed on letters and references in the Administrative Department.

Y.

Appeals, &c., instituted in the High Court in the year 1880.

(Showing Divisions and Districts.)

Division.	District.	Instituted in 1880.					
		Appeals from Decrees.				Appeals from Orders.	
		First Appeals.		Second Appeals.			
		Rs. 10,000 and upwards.	Below Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 50 in value.	Not exceeding Rs. 50 in value.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.
Central Division—							
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs	9	12	79	58	20	6
	Nuddea	2	7	49	24	7	3
	Jessore	...	5	47	64	5	4
	Moorshedabad	2	9	28	5	6	1
	Calcutta	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	13	33	203	151	38	14
Burdwan ...	Burdwan	3	9	44	22	3	5
	Bancoora	1	4	20	20	4	2
	Beerbhoom	...	...	25	12	1	...
	Midnapore	2	4	30	15	5	5
	Hooghly	2	4	42	42	6	7
	Total ...	8	21	161	111	19	19
British Burmah (Recorder) ...	Rangoon	...	3	...	...	...	...
	Moulmein	...	...	...	...	...	...
Western Division—							
Patna ...	Patna	2	29	121	68	25	7
	Gya	3	17	49	7	7	7
	Shahabad	2	11	37	31	7	...
	Sarun	6	16	134	74	4	12
	Tirhoot	15	36	113	74	18	6
	Total ...	28	109	454	254	61	32
Bhaugulpore ...	Bhaugulpore	7	25	128	46	22	1
	Sonthal Pergunnahs ...	1	4	4	...	3	...
	Purnea	2	3	27	14	2	1
	Total ...	10	32	159	60	27	2
Chota Nagpore ...	Chota Nagpore	1	5	78	15	4	7
Cuttack ...	Cuttack	2	9	36	31	4	...
	Total ...	3	14	114	46	8	7
Eastern Division—							
Dacca ...	Dacca	3	7	114	130	6	6
	Furreedpore	2	5	19	12	3	2
	Backergunge	...	2	14	18	14	6
	Mymensingh	1	4	34	8	15	8
	Tipperah	5	...	41	70	5	6
	Noakhally	...	3	19	9	4	1
	Total ...	11	21	241	247	47	29
Rajshahye ...	Dinagepore	2	1	15	5	1	...
	Rajshahye	6	4	20	11	10	5
	Rungpore	4	10	18	14	5	5
	Pubna, Bogra	2	7	20	5	10	3
	Total ...	14	22	73	35	26	13
Chittagong ...	Chittagong	...	2	32	20	3	3
	Grand Total for L. Provinces...	87	257	1,437	924	229	119
Assam ...	Assam Valley Districts ...	...	1	20	5	...	2
	Sylhet	3	60	50	36	1	5
	Cachar	...	...	10	8	...	...
	Grand Total of Assam ...	3	7	80	49	1	7

Z.

Result of Appeals in the High Court during the year 1880.

		Affirmed.	Reversed	Varied.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.			Total.
						Dismissed in default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.	
LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL.									
Appeals from Original Decrees ...	District Judge ...	52	28	5	8	10	4	3	111
	Subordinate Judge ...	118	53	21	15	19	9	4	239
Appeals from Appellate Decrees	District Judge ...	745	57	17	155	27	3	4	1,008
	Subordinate Judge ...	889	89	21	148	38	5	7	1,197
Appeals from Orders	District Judge ...	141	37	3	18	6	1	...	206
	Subordinate Judge ...	131	25	7	5	9	2	...	179
ASSAM.									
Appeals from Original Orders ...	District Judge ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Subordinate Judge ...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	4
Appeals from Appellate Decrees ...	District Judge ...	10	...	...	5	2	...	...	17
	Subordinate Judge ...	17	...	2	4	...	...	...	23
Appeals from Orders	District Judge ...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	5
	Subordinate Judge ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

ANNUAL STATEMENTS (CIVIL).

Annual Statement—1—(Civil).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising jurisdiction in Civil Cases in the last year, the work done and the Receipts and Charges of the Courts during the year 1880.

DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population.	Number of District Judgeships.	Number of Munsiffees.	TOTAL NUMBER OF CIVIL JUDICIAL OFFICERS.							NUMBER OF CIVIL CASES ORIGINALLY DECIDED						Total number of miscellaneous cases decided.	NUMBER OF CIVIL APPEALS DECIDED.				Total number of miscellaneous appeals decided.	Total receipts of Civil Courts.	Total charges of Civil Courts.
					Judges of the High Court.	District and Additional Judges.	Small Cause Court Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsiffs.	By the High Court.	By District and Additional Judges.	By Small Cause Court Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	By Munsiffs.	Total.		By the High Court.	By District Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	Total.			
							Small Cause Court Judges only.	Small Cause Court Judges with powers of a Subordinate Judge.	Subordinate Judges with the powers of Small Cause Court Judges.	Subordinate Judges only.														Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	3,648	1,887,586	1	4	...	1	...	1	...	1	10	...	...	2,108	213	21,189	23,510	2,039	...	253	430	683	36	344,458	115,892
Beerbhoom	1,756	853,785	1	4	...	1	...	...	...	1	4	...	20	...	59	4,892	4,971	621	...	173	159	332	28	103,640	74,879
Bhaugulpore	8,190	3,640,022	1	6	...	1	...	1	...	1	6	...	1	4,425	299	9,849	14,574	1,160	...	472	378	850	52	302,431	105,209
Burdwan	2,694	1,483,850	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	1	8	...	37	...	108	18,244	18,389	2,324	...	116	881	997	101	322,092	176,470
Bauleoora	2,621	968,597	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	5														
Chittagong	2,322	1,127,402	1	9	...	1	...	...	...	1	11	...	6	...	43	13,830	13,879	1,423	...	77	403	480	44	197,439	108,327
Cuttack	8,056	3,034,690	1	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	5	...	2	3,171	123	7,795	11,091	854	...	374	2	376	25	129,722	74,112
Dacca	2,796	1,870,256	1	4	...	1	1	...	...	1	9	...	15	7,625	274	17,563	25,477	1,736	...	323	669	992	57	360,574	130,887
Dinagepore	5,360	1,596,636	1	7	...	1	...	1	...	1	7	...	3	1,003	52	6,750	7,808	495	...	143	107	250	13	118,059	81,595
Furreedpore	2,267	1,502,436	1	5	...	1	...	1	...	1	8	...	12	1,413	72	17,073	18,570	1,053	...	9	434	443	20	207,722	85,745
Gya	4,712	1,947,824	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	...	4	...	243	2,201	2,448	524	...	141	218	359	69	127,574	69,441
Hooghly	1,700	1,753,250	1	6	...	1	...	1	...	1	10	...	11	5,364	154	13,057	18,586	2,398	...	166	403	569	42	293,932	123,504
Jessore	3,658	2,075,021	1	6	...	1	1	1	...	1	10	...	19	12,804	80	21,984	34,887	2,819	...	520	412	932	81	391,053	165,172
Midnapore	5,082	2,545,179	1	6	...	1	...	1	...	1	10	...	5	691	127	15,601	16,424	2,207	...	303	573	876	63	248,789	123,675
Moorshedabad	2,140	1,214,104	1	5	...	1	...	1	...	...	5	...	14	252	113	11,013	11,392	773	...	137	78	215	17	160,629	94,258
Mymensingh	6,364	2,349,917	1	10	...	1	...	...	...	1	13	...	10	...	105	19,690	19,805	1,117	...	164	516	680	61	340,736	129,573
Noakhally	1,641	840,376	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	...	33	...	11	12,159	12,203	7 0	...	243	41	284	33	139,549	70,453
Nuddea	3,421	1,812,795	1	6	...	1	2	...	...	1	8	...	9	10,547	157	8,262	18,975	1,895	...	421	313	734	30	242,280	146,765

Patna . . .	2,078	1,559,698	1	2	..	1	...	1	...	1	4	...	11	1,641	297	3,701	5,650	1,215	...	547	492	1,039	100	1,79,958	85,670
Pubna . . .	3,331	1,893,794	1	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	5	...	2	1,874	99	6,703	8,678	719	...	271	70	341	35	1,61,084	73,982
Purneah . . .	4,957	1,714,795	1	4	..	1	...	..	1	..	5	...	3	...	769	7,316	8,088	691	...	347	...	347	25	99,808	71,708
Rajshahye . .	4,093	1,989,262	1	4		1	...	1	...	...	4	..	3	712	91	6,759	7,565	654	...	260	...	260	24	1,52,912	74,237
Rungpore . .	6,399	2,572,351	1	6	...	1	...	...	...	1	10	...	4	..	81	13,922	14,007	826	...	240	249	489	9	1,86,640	1,09,175
Sarun . . .	6,155	3,508,152	1	4	.	1	..	...	...	2	5	...	5	...	351	5,060	5,416	1,120	...	209	428	637	106	1,87,709	85,341
Shahabad . .	4,385	1,723,974	1	3	...	1	..	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	127	6,211	6,338	817	...	162	418	580	11	1,70,552	70,079
Tipperah . .	2,446	1,368,634	1	6	.	1	...	...	...	2	12	...	2	..	91	19,028	19,121	1,278	...	222	929	1,151	123	2,44,118	1,36,605
Tirhoot . . .	6,335	4,823,498	1	6	...	1	..	...	...	2	7	...	3	. .	569	6,955	7,527	1,649	...	960	385	1,345	93	2,82,862	99,623
24-Pergunnahs .	2,788	2,210,047	1	7	...	2	1		...	2	14	..	18	5,879	267	21,129	27,293	2 924		499	317	816	67	4,03,112	2,01,599
Chota Nagpore .	27,109	3,146,905	1	10	...	1	...	...	...	6	9	...	...	...	177	4,116	4,293	615	...	247	255	502	63	1,07,253	1,15,352
Total .	138,479	59,014,776	29	155	...	30	5	12	1	31	217	...	252	59,509	5,152	322,052	386,965	36,726	...	7,999	9,560	17,559	1,428	62,06,687	29,99,328
Calcutta . . .	8	429,535	..	...	12	..	5		...	...	...	809	...	35,600	...	...	36,409	...	2,650	...	...	2,650	...	9,70,328	11,70,662
GRAND TOTAL	138,487	59,444,311*	29	155	12	30	10	12	1	31	217	809	252	95,109	5,152	322,052	423,374	36,726	2,650	7,999	9,560	20,209	1,428	71,77,015	41,69,990

* The recent census gives the figures 68,829,920 as the population of Bengal, *vide* p. 1090 of the Supplement to the *Gazette of India* of 10th September 1891. But in this total is included the population of tracts of country beyond the jurisdiction of the High Court.

Annual Statement—2—(Civil).

Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1880.

Suits for money or movable property.

Class of Tribunals.	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work, and materials.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Movable property, or value thereof.	Damages.	Other suits for money or movables not already mentioned.	Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.											
I.—Civil Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Subordinate Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	74,114	5,476	5,477	1,961	2,100	894	831	4,086	3,355	1,401	99,695
Paid Subordinate Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	20,401	3,789	3,032	977	2,840	611	1,839	1,871	1,503	861	37,724
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	29,136	6,965	2,635	977	8,966	1,180	3,733	700	2,370	654	57,316
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	183	15	24	17	10	...	4	6	14	4	277
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	781	49	99	63	17	12	19	39	57	8	1,144
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	568	32	...	...	...	17	1	47	13	8	686
Chief Courts of Districts	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	9
Total	125,088	16,327	11,267	4,095	13,933	2,714	6,427	6,749	7,313	2,938	196.851
II.—Revenue Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts:—Collectors	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand total for Courts in the interior	125,088	16,327	11,267	4,095	13,933	2,714	6,427	6.749	7.313	2,938	196,851
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.											
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of general jurisdiction	23	11	145	247	33	17	6	24	27	3	536
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	23	11	145	247	33	17	6	24	27	3	536

Suits under the Rent Law.

Class of Tribunals.	Arrears of rent, with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts, or on account of illegal restraint, or other cause.	For pottahs or kabulyuts.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.									
I.—Civil Courts.									
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Subordinate Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	136,144	1,351	356	371	85	1,477	860	1,543	142,187
Paid Subordinate Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	119	3	...	...	2	...	7	5	136
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	457	10	...	2	19	11	34	16	549
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	11	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	14
Total	136,731	1,364	356	373	106	1,488	904	1,564	1,42,886
II.—Revenue Courts.									
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	3,754	25	209	76	54	255	23	26	4,422
District Courts:—Collectors	3,436	94	62	23	32	94	4	30	3,775
Total	7,190	119	271	99	86	349	27	56	8,197
Grand total for Courts in the interior	143,921	1,483	627	472	192	1,837	931	1,620	151,083
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.									
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of general jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Title and other Suits.

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	GRAND TOTAL.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				
I.—Civil Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Subordinate Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	23,938	1,133	4,905	6,507	914	487	28	551	23	410	543	1	21	4	12	17	...	2,903	42,397	284,279
Paid Subordinate Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37,724
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57,316
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	173	19	9	119	4	1	1	10	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	345	758
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	988	54	19	600	45	31	4	95	1	1	36	...	...	...	1	1	...	29	1,905	3,598
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	686
Chief Courts of Districts	7	2	...	8	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	143	12	180	203
Total	25,106	1,208	4,933	7,234	964	521	84	656	25	412	583	1	21	6	13	21	143	2,946	44,327	384,564
II.—Revenue Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,422
District Courts:—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,775
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,197
Grand total for Courts in the interior	25,106	1,203	4,933	7,234	964	521	34	656	25	412	583	1	21	6	13	21	143	2.946	44,827	392,701
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																				
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of general jurisdiction	33	8	...	16	31	55	...	9	...	2	4	...	1	13	...	6	6	2	186	722
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	5
Superior Courts of special jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5
Total	33	8	...	16	31	55	...	9	5	2	4	2	1	13	...	6	11	2	198	734

Annual Statement—3—(Civil).

Statement showing number and value of Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1880.

CLASS OF COURTS.	NUMBER OF SUITS INSTITUTED IN THE DIFFERENT COURTS.																		TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS.
	VALUE NOT EXCEEDING Rs. 10.			VALUE NOT EXCEEDING Rs. 50.			VALUE NOT EXCEEDING Rs. 100.			VALUE NOT EXCEEDING Rs. 500.			Value not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Value not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Value not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Value not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Value exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	The value of which cannot be estimated in money.	TOTAL.	
	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.								
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under ordinary procedure	6,633	46,853	6,863	46,695	65,902	17,866	25,882	16,791	7,952	18,378	11,389	8,120	4,564	...	...	...	...	391	284,279	1,80,95,624
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	7,891	...	...	29,833	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37,724	8,96,364
Small Cause Courts. — As Small Cause Court Judges	9,723	...	...	30,384	...	...	9,921	...	...	7,288	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57,316	30,11,418
Small Cause Courts. — Under powers of Subordinate Judge.	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	607	80	68	3	...	758	42,88,151
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure	...	...	1	19	...	...	6	...	1	11	...	10	1	2,891	363	255	18	22	3,598	2,33,45,854
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	68	...	...	618	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	686	17,538
Chief Courts of Districts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	..	50	36	76	8	12	1	17	203	14,56,509
Total	24,315	46,853	6,864	107,549	65,902	17,866	35,809	16,791	7,956	25,677	11,389	8,190	4,601	3,574	451	335	22	430	384,564	5,11,11,458
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																				
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Other Subordinate Courts	...	2,011	...	...	1,794	...	...	346	...	...	228	...	23	11	...	...	...	9	4,422	1,53,230
District Courts—Collectors	...	771	...	...	1,760	...	...	591	...	...	527	...	66	15	2	1	...	42	3,775	2,91,211
Total	...	2,782	...	...	3,554	...	....	937	...	...	755	...	89	26	2	1	...	51	8,197	4,44,441
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	24,315	49,635	...	...	69,456	17,866	35,809	17,728	7,956	25,677	12,144	8,180	4,690	3,600	453	336	22	481	392,761	5,15,55,899
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																				
Presidency Small Cause Court	14,449	...	...	13,990	...	...	3,001	...	...	3,158	....	...	641	65	...	...	...	...	35,304	17,70,038
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	9	...	...	31	352	69	54	1	206	722	27,91,248
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	.....
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	.....
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	.....
Total	14,449	...	...	13,990	...	...	3,001	...	...	3,167	...	...	672	417	69	54	1	218	36,038	45,61,286

Annual Statement—4—(Civil).

Statement showing the general result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1880.

Part I.—Civil Suits.

Class of Courts.	Number of Suits before the Courts: Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1880.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on remand.	Received on review.	Revived.	Total for disposal.	Number of Suits disposed of: Transferred to other Courts.	Without Trial: Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Without Contest: Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	On reference to Arbitration: For Plaintiff.	For Defendant.	With Contest: Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of these pending over three months.	Average number of days the suits were pending: Average number of days contested.	Average number of days uncontested.	Remarks.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																									
I.—Civil Courts.																									
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals — Under Ordinary Procedure	43,976	284,279	30,236	622	538	2,667	362,318	30,275	552	27,157	6,596	39,624	27,115	97,062	9,077	748	250	56,452	19,605	284,238	47,805	19,275	105	53	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	2,896	37,724	717	4	56	261	41,658	955	22	7,525	645	3,948	4,693	12,483	2,414	64	22	3,942	2,056	37,814	2,889	23	33	28	
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	3,896	57,316	144	...	146	933	62,435	4	70	7,702	1,119	7,086	12,438	19,897	203	89	14	7,789	3,102	59,509	2,922	9	28	22	
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	469	758	41	12	1	8	1,289	45	3	20	18	81	113	241	1	4	1	292	95	869	375	200	232	110	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Ordinary Procedure	1,687	3,598	684	22	7	32	6,030	555	11	84	66	457	262	1,032	13	31	2	1,208	440	3,606	1,869	1,197	238	106	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	17	686	...	...	...	2	705	...	1	229	...	120	62	159	4	...	...	59	43	677	28	...	18	17	
Chief Courts of Districts	125	203	6[illegible]	3	2	2	397	51	2	21	4	28	11	20	...	2	1	93	70	252	94	70	155	162	
Total of each class for Civil Courts — Suits for money or movables	22,251	196,851	8,283	94	388	2,054	229,921	8,304	235	29,292	2,497	23,649	29,625	71,787	8,518	361	124	24,588	10,313	200,989	20,628	3,317	60	35	
Total of each class for Civil Courts — Do. under the Rent Law	15,726	142,886	15,315	358	230	1,455	175,970	15,317	225	10,398	4,129	19,026	11,080	54,584	2,576	167	33	33,593	6,926	142,738	17,915	6,491	92	54	
Total of each class for Civil Courts — Title and other Suits	15,089	44,827	8,286	211	132	396	68,941	8,264	202	3,048	1,823	8,666	3,389	4,523	618	410	133	11,654	8,172	43,238	17,439	10,966	158	96	
Total	53,066	384,564	31,884	663	750	3,905	474,832	31,385	661	42,738	8,448	51,344	44,694	130,894	11,712	933	290	69,[illegible]35	25,411	386,965	55,982	20,774	94	46	
II.—Revenue Courts.																									
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	996	4,422	3,730	25	12	130	9,315	...	6	1,867	207	443	835	2,125	50	...	1	1,980	718	8,232	1[illegible],083	91	57	36	
District Courts :—Collectors	1	3,775	...	...	12	...	3,788	3,730	...	3	...	1	14	10	...	...	...	11	2	41	17	15	62	27	
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	54,063	392,761	35,614	688	774	4,035	487,935	35,615	667	44,608	8,655	51,788	45,543	133,029	11,762	938	291	71,826	26,131	395,238	57,082	20,880	93	46	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																									
Presidency Small Cause Court	1,584	35,304	...	...	...	...	36,888	...	...	3,083	2,444	13,062	2,592	7,674	9	541	115	4,900	1,180	35,600	1,288	...	...	...	
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	889	722	...	...	...	...	1,611	...	...	269	43	17	74	223	2	7	...	132	30	797	814	729	310	736	
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	12	2	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	13	11	214	...	
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	6	5	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	7	6	3[illegible]8	188	
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	11	5	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	1	7	9	8	...	...	
Total	2,502	36,033	...	...	...	...	38,540	...	...	3,354	2,487	13,079	2,667	7,901	11	548	115	5,034	1,213	36,409	2,131	75	[illegible]226	170	

Annual Statement—4—(Civil).

Statement showing the general result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1880.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Class of Courts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1880.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of										Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of those pending over three months.	Average number of days the cases were pending.
									Without trial.			Without Contest.				On reference to Arbitration.		With Contest.					
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on remand.	Received on review.	Revived.			Application rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For Plaintiff.	For Defendant.	Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for Defendant.				
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																						
I.—Civil Courts.																						
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	3,925	23,299	436	33	86	135	27,914	394	401	2,796	196	943	661	1,825	974	19	31	8,608	7,203	23,656	3,864	889	46
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	257	3,161	3	...	...	5	3,426	...	237	321	52	112	138	309	65	2	...	1,065	930	3,231	195	...	22
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	109	556	22	1	1	6	694	...	20	47	6	12	21	28	16	...	...	206	252	608	86	37	56
District Courts other than Chief Courts of District	504	1,991	165	1	12	6	2,679	41	61	151	32	45	65	224	79	10	10	1,033	526	2,236	402	195	61
Chief Courts of District	2,217	6,884	159	6	2	21	9,289	342	167	694	27	61	39	4,448	280	14	1	725	447	6,995*	1,952	1,060	83
Total	7,012	35,890	785	41	101	173	44,002	777	886	4,008	313	1,173	924	6,834	1,414	45	42	11,637	9,358	36,726	6,499	2,182	52
II.—Revenue Courts.																						
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	7	405	22	6	...	3	443	...	8	64	3	5	2	45	...	...	...	195	34	356	87	...	44
District Courts:—Collectors	170	132	...	...	...	...	302	17	...	38	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	202	7	266	19	...	39
Total	177	537	22	6	...	3	745	17	8	102	3	5	2	64	...	...	...	397	41	622	106	...	42
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	7,189	36,427	807	47	101	176	44,747	794	894	4,110	316	1,178	926	6,898	1,414	45	42	12,034	9,399	37,348	6,605	2,132	52
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																						
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	157	...	...	...	...	157	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	...	1	1	157		...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	157	...	...	...	...	157	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	...	1	1	†157	...	...	...

* Including 93 redemption and foreclosure cases.

† This figure includes 55 commissions executed which cannot be included in the preceding columns giving details.

Annual Statement—5—(Civil).

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1880.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1880.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, Section 551.	Dismissed for default, Sections 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex-parte.				Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days the appeals were pending.	Objections under Section 561, Act X of 1877.	Remarks.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on review.	Received on remand.	Revived.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.						
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																								
A.—Civil Courts.																								
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District	3,342	423	10,719	49	75	75	14,683	1,224	3	444	95	16	104	19	5,643	957	1,978	301	9,560	3,899	3,435	230	304	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	7,432	19,106	658	15	141	78	27,430	10,187	81	564	180	26	251	29	4,484	761	1,375	248	7,999	9,244	5,447	189	390	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
Total of each class for Civil Courts — Appeals from decisions in suits for money or moveables	1,356	3,769	2,187	13	5	32	7,362	2,184	19	159	60	8	53	15	1,875	217	630	87	3,123	2,055	1,461	161	85	
In suits under the Rent Law	4,085	8,387	4,320	25	62	66	16,945	4,318	38	409	146	29	269	29	4,108	1,067	1,363	281	7,739	4,888	2,863	182	311	
In title and other suits	5,333	7,373	4,870	26	149	55	17,806	4,909	27	440	69	5	33	4	4,144	434	1,360	181	6,697	6,200	4,558	270	298	
Total	10,774	19,529	11,377	64	216	153	42,113	11,411	84	1,008	275	42	355	48	10,127	1,718	3,353	549	17,559	13,143	8,882	212	694	
B.—Revenue Courts.																								
Collectors' Appellate Courts	87	482	...	14	...	1	584	1	3	10	43	...	5	14	256	71	81	39	522	61	15	54	...	
Grand total for Courts in the Interior	10,861	20,011	11,377	78	216	154	42,697	11,412	87	1,018	318	42	360	62	10,383	1,789	3,434	588	18,081	13,204	8,897	207	694	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																								
Chief Court of Province — From decisions by Courts in the Interior	485	331	10	2	...	36	864	...	...	49	...	...	...	...	170	26	81	23	349	515	436	506	32	
From decisions on the Original Side	25	43	...	...	...	...	68	...	...	7	...	...	1	..	26	...	7	4	42	26	21	179	..	
APPEALS FROM APPELLATE DECREES.																								
Chief Court of Province — From decisions by Appellate Courts in the Interior	2,938	2,361	...	2	...	72	5,373	...	246	84	...	...	...	...	1,388	38	146	303	2,205	3,168	2,682	350	58	
From decisions by a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court	15	45	...	...	...	...	60	...	...	...	40	...	8	6	...	...	...	...	54	6	5	122		
Total	3,463	2,780	10	4	...	108	6,305	...	246	140	40	...	9	6	1,584	64	234	327	2,650	3,715	3,144	383	90	

Annual Statement—5—(Civil).

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1880.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1880.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, Section 551.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex-parte.				Contested.				Total disposed of omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days the appeals were pending.	Objections under Section 561, Act X of 1877.	Remarks.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on review.	Received on remand	Revived					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562						
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
FIRST APPEALS.																								
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																								
Chief Appellate Court other than Chief Court of District	42	36	96	...	1	3	178	38	9	2	...	1	5	...	61	3	30	7	118	22	7	240	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	641	1,149	24	5	6	9	1,834	82	39	90	76	3	88	3	742	20	258	41	1,310	442	262	144	11	
Superior Appellate Court other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	**683**	**1,185**	**120**	**5**	**7**	**12**	**2,012**	**120**	**48**	**92**	**76**	**4**	**43**	**3**	**803**	**23**	**288**	**48**	**1,428**	**464**	**269**	**152**	**11**	
B.—REVENUE COURTS.																								
Collectors' Appellate Courts	25	128	...	1	...	...	154	...	3	8	2	...	...	1	73	3	36	8	134	20	3	40	...	
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	**708**	**1,313**	**120**	**6**	**7**	**12**	**2,166**	**120**	**51**	**100**	**78**	**4**	**43**	**4**	**876**	**26**	**324**	**56**	**1,562**	**484**	**272**	**143**	**11**	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
FIRST APPEALS.																								
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE — From decisions by Courts in the Interior	112	229	...	...	...	1	342	...	9	15	...	...	...	...	169	7	34	13	247	95	53	151	2	
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE — From decisions on the Original Side	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	**112**	**229**	**...**	**...**	**...**	**1**	**342**	**...**	**9**	**15**	**...**	**...**	**...**	**...**	**169**	**7**	**34**	**13**	**247**	**95**	**53**	**151**	**2**	
SECOND APPEALS.																								
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE — From decisions by Appellate Courts in the Interior	59	119	...	...	...	2	180	...	6	3	...	...	...	...	88	3	28	10	138	42	10	138	2	
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE — From decisions of a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	**59**	**119**	**...**	**...**	**...**	**2**	**180**	**...**	**6**	**3**	**...**	**...**	**...**	**...**	**88**	**3**	**28**	**10**	**138**	**42**	**10**	**138**	**2**	

Annual Statement—6—(Civil).

Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of Decrees of Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1880.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Number of Applications dealt with.					Applications disposed of.					Pending at the end of 1880.	Of these pending more than three months.	Details of entries in column 9.						Amount Realized.		Number of Applications									
	Pending at the end of 1879.	Filed.		Restored to the file for any cause.	Total.	Transferred		Wholly or partly satisfied.	Wholly infructuous.	Total.			Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Satisfaction obtained through the Court.	Adjusted under Section 258.	Satisfaction obtained with the issue of process.	Ditto without the issue of process.	With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which his movable property		On which his immovable property.			On which specific performance was enforced.	On which possession was given.		On which partition was effected, Section 265.	On which execution was otherwise effected
		The decrees being those of the Court where execution is taken out.	The decrees being those of other Courts transferred for execution.			To another Court.	To the Collector.																was sold.	was attached, but subsequently released.	was sold.	was dealt with under Sections 309, 322, or 320.	was attached, but subsequently released.		Of movables.	Of immovables.		
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																															
I.—Civil Courts.																															
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	47,878	207,620	9,504	3,195	268,207	6,987	28	114,143	103,649	224,807	43,400	14,750	72,020	42,123	77,805	36,338	97,717	16,426	58,17,449	945,327	1,301	4,239	6,156	3,746	26,298	502	20,475	254	120	7,634	130	6,443
Small Cause Courts	2,729	39,370	36	41	42,176	390	...	13,710	24,884	38,984	3,192	61	5,466	8,144	9,692	4,018	12,153	1,557	5,08,116	109,968	434	873	4,414	1,095	22	...	...	...	...	6	...	3
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	2,956	7,806	414	197	11,373	309	...	4,534	3,774	8,617	2,756	1,563	2,530	2,004	3,400	1,134	4,019	515	63,52,457	616,125	36	48	142	60	1,199	73	943	2	4	247	18	199
Chief Courts of Districts	450	541	412	26	1,429	237	...	529	276	1,042	387	236	350	179	427	102	447	82	9,06,027	90,461	4	13	16	5	108	11	96	4	3	26	1	32
Total	54,013	255,347	10,386	3,459	323,185	7,923	28	132,916	132,583	273,450	49,735	16,610	80,466	52,450	91,324	41,592	114,336	18,580	1,35,84,049	17,61,881	1,775	5,173	10,728	4,906	27,627	586	21,514	260	127	7,913	149	6,677
II.—Revenue Courts.																															
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Other Subordinate Courts	854	3,354	432	56	4,696	27	...	2,027	1,878	3,932	764	266	1,537	490	1,560	467	1,942	85	82,012	2,827	17	62	245	381	61	12	175	3	2	122	...	...
District Courts:—Collectors.	161	750	13	...	924	3	...	671	185	859	65	5	438	233	537	134	670	1	44,752	25	6	14	68	115	160	...	269	...	...	13	...	...
Total	1,015	4,104	445	56	5,620	30	...	2,698	2,063	4,791	829	271	1,975	723	2,097	601	2,612	86	1,26,764	2,852	23	76	313	496	221	12	444	3	2	135	...	...
Grand total for Courts in the Interior.	55,028	259,451	10,811	3,515	328,805	7,953	28	135,614	134,646	278,241	50,564	16,881	82,441	53,173	93,421	42,193	116,948	18,666	1,37,10,813	17,64,733	1,798	5,249	11,041	5,402	27,848	598	21,958	1,263	129	8,048	149	6,677
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																															
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	15,072	125	...	15,197	43	...	11,377	3,221	15,031	166	...	6,381	4,096	9,314	2,063	6,200	5,177	157,996	189,116	481	466	676	1,425	...	...	...	...	...	67	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction.	153	394	10	...	557	115	...	120	95	330	227	...	...	...	...	21	120	...	...	...	23	21	3	15	17	...	25	...	...	8	...	1
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Total	154	15,466	135	...	15,755	548	...	11,497	3,316	15,361	394	...	6,381	4,096	9,314	2,084	6,320	5,177	157,996	189,116	504	487	679	1,440	17	...	25	...	...	75	...	...

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REPORT

ON

THE ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL JUSTICE

IN

THE LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL

IN

1881.

In drawing up the following Report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in 1881, the plan adopted in preparing the reports for previous years has been retained. The forms of statements appended to this report are also similar to those appended to previous reports; the only exception being that Annual Statement 1 has been modified, with a view to furnish information required by the Government of India as to the number of European and Native Judicial Officers, of each grade, exercising appellate or original jurisdiction in the Province.

During the year under report, the Local Government, with the sanction of the Government of India, introduced into the Province of Bengal a scheme with the object of providing young Covenanted Officers electing the judicial branch of the service with some training in civil judicial work, before being called upon to fill the office of District Judge. In furtherance of this scheme, several Covenanted Civilians, whose duties had hitherto been confined to executive and criminal judicial work, were invested with powers as Civil Judges, and were entrusted, according to the length of their service, some with the functions of a Subordinate Judge, others with those of a Munsif. The results of this measure have not as yet sufficiently developed themselves to enable the Court to come to any decided opinion as to its merits. The scheme was not brought into operation till late in the year. Owing to the very nature of it, there have been some preliminary difficulties in the way of getting it into working order. But, so far as can be seen, the practical experience to be gained by "Civilian Sub-Judges and Munsifs," in the conduct of a civil judicial trial, will fall short of the expectations of Government. The whole question will be separately dealt with by the High Court, when the Judges have before them better materials on which to arrive at a conclusion of any value. It is sufficient to say, for the purposes of this report, that the work done by these special officers has been incorporated in the appended statements.

Another very important measure was, at the instance of the Government of Bengal, taken in hand during the past year. Experience having shown that the trial of rent-suits, and of petty cases of the Small Cause Court class, was considerably protracted, owing to such cases having to give way to complicated original suits pending before the same officers, the Government of Bengal proposed that, at every Munsifi where two or more Munsifs are stationed together, one of these officers, being duly invested with the necessary powers under Section 29 of the Bengal Civil Courts' Act, VI of 1871, should take up all Small Cause Court cases up to the value of Rs. 50, and all rent-suits, throughout the jurisdiction of the Munsifi; and that all other cases of any class should be left to the remaining officer or officers having concurrent jurisdiction. This system has now been in force, in most of the districts of Bengal, during a greater or lesser portion of the year under report. So far as can be seen at present, the results have been most satisfactory. It has been found necessary, here and there, to slightly modify the original scheme, so as to meet, as occasion arose, a temporary influx of work of one kind or the other. But the general result has undoubtedly been, not only that a larger number of rent and Small Cause Court suits have been decided than in corresponding portions of previous years, but also that the trial of such suits has been far more expeditious.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

I.—THE HIGH COURT.

Original suits.

The number of civil suits, including Divorce, Vice-Admiralty, Testamentary and Intestate (contentious) cases, pending on the Original Side of the High Court at the end of 1880, was 843; the number instituted during 1881 was 745; making a total of 1,588 cases for disposal during the year under report.

The suits instituted during 1881 may be classified thus—

19	suits for possession of immovable property.
4	„ for declaratory decrees.
12	other suits under the Specific Relief Act.
4	suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.
38	„ to declare and establish personal rights.
87	„ for an account.
5	„ to set aside judgments, contracts, or obligations, on the ground of fraud.
6	„ for dissolution of marriage (Divorce).
18	„ for partition.
2	„ relating to shipping (Vice-Admiralty).
11	administration suits.
1	inter-pleader suit.
14	suits for dissolution of partnership.
16	„ under Section 261 of Act X of 1865.
1	suit not falling under any of the previous heads.
507	„ for specific money claims.
Total . 745	

The value of the property in litigation was Rs. 26,80,732 in the past, as compared with Rs. 27,91,248 in the previous, year.

	Disposed of.	Pending at the close of the year.
* Original suits, including Vice-Admiralty . . Testamentary and Intestate (contentious) cases .	893	680
Divorce suits	3	12
	896	692

The number of suits* disposed of in 1881 was 896, leaving 692 undetermined at the end of the year.

Of the suits disposed of—

332	were dismissed for default or want of prosecution,
52	were withdrawn with leave,
12	were determined by compromise,
94	were decreed on confession,
182	were decreed *ex parte*,
2	were dismissed *ex parte*,
15	were decreed upon award,
1	was dismissed upon award,
156	cases were decreed, and
50	cases were dismissed.

Interlocutory applications.

There were also disposed of during the year 294 petitions for probate and letters of administration, 1,930 interlocutory applications, including applications for injunction, for the appointment of a Receiver, for the discovery of documents, &c., and 395 applications for execution.

References to take accounts.

The number of references to take accounts, to make enquiries, to settle conveyances, &c., pending at the commencement of the year, was 118. The number of fresh references directed by the Court during the year was 150, making a total of 268. Of these, 21 were disposed of by a Judge in Chambers, and 105 were disposed of by the Registrar on the Original Side. In 25 of the cases disposed of by the Registrar, that officer conducted the sale of property ordered to be sold otherwise than in the ordinary course of execution, after examining the title and settling the conditions of sale.

Proclamations under Section 287.

In connection with the Registrar's *quasi*-judicial duties, it should be stated that that officer has during the year settled the proclamation of sale by the Sheriff, in the ordinary course of execution, in 15 cases, in 9 of which it was found necessary to examine witnesses.

Appeals from the Original Jurisdiction.

The number of appeals from the Original Side to the Appellate Side of the Court pending at the commencement of 1881 was 26, and the number filed during the year was 49, making a total of 75 for disposal. Of these, 10 were dismissed for default, and 36 contested cases were disposed of with the following results: The decree appealed from was affirmed in 28 cases, was modified in 2 cases, was reversed in 4 cases, and was remanded in 2 cases.

References from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes.

One reference from the Calcutta Small Cause Court was pending at the commencement of 1881; and 6 references were made during the year, making a total of 7. These were disposed of with the following results, *viz.*: 1 case was remanded for a new trial, in 4 cases the judgment was affirmed, and in 2 cases it was set aside.

Insolvent cases

The number of cases pending in the Insolvent Court at the commencement of the year was 183; and the number filed during the year was 150, making a total of 333 cases. Of these, 123 cases were disposed of during the year as follows: 6 cases were withdrawn, 10 cases were dismissed, and in 107 cases the insolvents obtained relief.

Of the persons who sought relief in the cases disposed of, 51 were merchants, 29 were private persons who had once possessed independent means, and 43 were clerks employed in public and other offices.

It should be understood that, of the cases remaining undisposed of at the close of the year, 85 are cases which, though practically abandoned, it has been found necessary to retain in the list of pending cases (*vide* extract from Judgment of White J., recorded in the Report for 1878, page 2.)

There were also disposed of, during the year, 82 applications for protection, and 1,056 miscellaneous applications.

Judges' time occupied.

For the hearing of original suits, two Judges sat separately and simultaneously for 207 days, and three Judges sat separately and simultaneously for 4 days. References to take accounts, &c., occupied one Judge for 28 days. The Insolvent Court occupied one Judge for 41 days. The appeals from the Original Side and the references from the Calcutta Small Cause Court occupied two Judges for 69 days.

Appeals to the Privy Council.

There were no appeals to the Privy Council pending at the commencement of 1881, and none were filed during that year.

The following is a statement of receipts and expenditure in the High Court, on its Original Side, during 1881;—

Receipts.	Rs.	A.	P.
Commission of the Accountant General	12,229	11	1
Ditto on sales by the Registrar	4,392	10	5
Receiver's commission	22,503	11	3
Fines realized	25	0	0
Other fees realized by means of stamps	2,36,105	7	0
Total	2,75,256	7	9
Probate and administration duty	1,98,949	0	0
Expenditure.			
Establishment	1,70,458	15	11
Contingencies	14,902	13	10
	1,85,361	13	9

	Receipts.			Expenditure.			Surplus.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
In 1879	2,58,273	15	2	1,78,486	4	6	79,787	10	8
„ 1880	2,90,013	2	2	1,76,692	3	10	1,13,320	14	4
„ 1881	2,75,256	7	9	1,85,361	13	9	89,894	10	0

II.—CIVIL COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

Original suits, instituted, disposed of, and pending. *See Table A.*

The total number of original suits instituted, disposed of, and pending in the civil Courts of the Lower Provinces subordinate to the High Court in each of the past three years, was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Determined.	Pending.
In 1879	374,783	373,297	53,473
„ 1880	384,564	386,965	55,988
„ 1881	383,229	390,292	54,429

The figures given above show a slight falling off (1,335 cases) in the number instituted in the past as compared with the previous year; and a considerable increase (3,327) in the number decided. The result is that the arrears on the pending files have been reduced from 55,988 in 1880 to 54,429 in 1881,—a result which may be partly ascribed to the entertainment towards the close of the year of some additional Munsifs.

Suits instituted.

The figures given in the margin show that the decrease in the number of cases instituted in 1881 has occurred entirely in the Courts of Small Causes; for the institutions in the Regular Civil Courts have increased by 1,344 cases. This increase is, however, insignificant in comparison with the increase reported in 1880, which amounted to 12,805 cases.

	Reg.	S.C.C.
In 1879 . .	314,443	60,340
„ 1880 . .	327,248	57,316
„ 1881 . .	328,592	54,637

On a reference to the details given for each district in Table A, it will be seen that the increase in the Regular Civil Courts was chiefly contributed by the following districts:—

	Instituted in 1880.	Instituted in 1881.	Increase.
Cuttack	7,216	8,540	1,324
Dinagepore	6,666	7,885	1,219
Mymensingh	19,593	20,674	1,081
Dacca	18,383	19,393	1,010
Pubna and Bogra	6,808	7,812	1,004
Tirhoot	7,454	8,399	945
Tipperah	19,399	20,285	886
Rajshahye	7,122	7,887	765
Purneah	8,054	8,630	576
Nuddea	8,003	8,500	497

The following districts, on the other hand, show a marked decrease, *viz.*:—

	Instituted in 1880.	Instituted in 1881.	Decrease.
Midnapore	17,942	15,196	2,746
Chittagong	13,479	11,872	1,607
Jessore	22,122	21,145	977
Furreedpore	17,511	16,680	831
Bankura	7,062	6,335	727
Backergunge	19,755	19,196	559

In the Courts of Small Causes the falling off in the number of cases instituted occurred chiefly in the following Courts:—

	Instituted in 1880.	Instituted in 1881.	Decrease.
Cuttack	2,867	1,160	1,707
Narail	3,248	2,556	692
Jhenidah	2,673	2,036	637
Moonsheegunge	3,258	2,652	606
Magoora	1,943	1,729	214
Kooshtea	2,939	2,764	175
Jessore	4,209	4,065	144
Ranaghat	1,808	1,691	117

On the other hand, an increase occurred in the following Courts :—

	Instituted in 1880.	Instituted in 1881.	Increase.
Kishnaghur	2,199	2,756	557
Monghyr	2,464	2,820	356
Meherpore	1,768	2,035	267
Chooadangah	1,616	1,849	233

The following are some of the reasons given in the District Judges' reports in explanation of these results :—

Burdwan.—Throughout this district suits under the Rent Law have increased. This increase is, in the opinion of the District Judge, probably due to the cheapness of agricultural produce during the year, and the consequent inability of the ryots to pay their rents in full. On the other hand, title and "other class" suits have decreased from 1,968 in 1880 to 1,306 in 1881; a decrease attributed to the same cause which has affected the institution of rent suits. The District Judge reports that the population, which is chiefly made up of the cultivating class, has been to some extent impoverished by the low prices of agricultural produce, and consequently disabled from paying the heavy and increasing cost of litigation. His views are probably correct, for there was an increase in the classes of suits in which the poor are generally the defendants, but a decrease in the classes in which both parties are often of the poorer classes of people.

Cuttack.—In this district, a decrease in the number of suits instituted is reported from Jajpore, and an increase in the Sudder Munsifi. These results are attributed to the re-transfer of thana Aul (Oolabhar) from the former to the latter Munsifi.

Dinagepore.—There was an increase in the number of suits instituted in the Court of the Subordinate Judge, reported to be due (1) to the declining state of two of the native banking firms (*kothis*) in the station, and (2) to the embarrassed circumstances of a local zemindar. As regards original suits triable by Munsifs, there was an increase, principally of rent suits, in the Sudder Munsifi; and this is ascribed to the ill-feeling which is said to exist between certain *izaradars* and their ryots. The general increase in suits at this Munsifi is also to some extent attributable to the more expeditious disposal of suits under the new system described in paragraph 3 of this report. Of the 1,315 rent suits instituted, only 6 were for enhancement of rent. From the report of the Sudder Munsif, it would appear that the ryots of this district, who are mostly simple and illiterate, gather in large profits with little labour or outlay, and are thus easily induced to yield to the demands of their landlords for a small increase of rent.

There was also an increase, ascribed to the fall in the price of rice, in the number of suits instituted in the Patnitolah and Chintaman Munsifis. There was a slight decrease in Thakurgram, which is stated to be due, partly to the improved condition of the inhabitants, and partly to the cause, reported last year, that the country in the neighbourhood of the Munsif's Court is infested with tigers.

Nuddea.—There was a marked increase of litigation in this district, both in the Regular Civil Courts and in the Courts of Small Causes. This increase may, in the opinion of the District Judge, be ascribed to the following causes: (1) continued prevalence of sickness, which had the double effect of increasing the household expenses of the members of (what the Judge calls) the "defendant-class," and of incapacitating them from paying off their debts; and (2) the institution, due to the non-forbearance of the "plaintiff-class," of a number of suits for the recovery of debts. It will be observed that the first argument adduced by the District Judge for the increase in the past year was the very argument which he brought forward in explanation of the decrease in litigation in 1880. To explain this apparent anomaly the District Judge reports as follows :—

"My explanation was founded on the following reasoning: There were four undisputed facts :—

"(*a*) The sickness in 1880 was severe.

"(*b*) The sickness in 1881 was equally severe.

"(*c*) The litigation in 1880 showed a great falling off.

"(*d*) The litigation in 1881 showed a decided revival.

"I had in 1880 attributed fact (*c*) without hesitation to fact (*a*).

"It remained to reconcile fact (*d*) with fact (*b*).

"My explanation, slightly expanded, was this: the sickness in 1880 having displaced, or, as I conceive, deferred, a large quantity of the normal litigation of 1880, that quantity would either have to be brought over and added to the normal quantity of the litigation of 1881, as an excess quantity—abnormal arrears, in short—or would have to be abandoned.

"I assume that it was not abandoned; but that the plaintiff-class, being themselves under the pressure of the epidemic and the losses it caused, found it necessary to bring *this excess quantity* into the Courts in 1881, to prevent a lapse of their right of action by limitation.

"By the 'plaintiff-class' I mean the class having claims,—the class who, according to my hypothesis, were compelled or induced by the epidemic to defer their rights of action in 1880, but who were not willing (and for the same cause) to abandon them in 1881.

"Briefly, the epidemic which operated as a check in 1880 operated as a spur in 1881.

"This explanation is of course put forward as a conjectural hypothesis, and not as a conclusive demonstration; but I venture to think that it is not wholly self-contradictory.

"It might perhaps be more correct to ascribe the revival of litigation in 1881, other causes remaining the same, to what I have termed the abnormal arrears of 1880, and this was no doubt the main cause."

Tipperah.—The District Judge of Tipperah makes the following observations regarding the institutions in his district during 1881:—

"The institutions during the year show an increase of 10·4 per cent. in rent suits, and of 2·69 per cent. in suits for money or moveables; while there is a decrease of 10·7 per cent. in title suits. I believe the same cause accounts for both variations. There have been two successive bumper harvests in the district, and little demand outside it for rice, which has accordingly been a drug in the market. The ryots are obliged to sell their accumulated stores at extremely low prices; there is consequently a scarcity of money. Debts cannot be paid; hence the increase of suits for money and rent; while people have not generally the means to embark in title suits, which usually require a pretty full exchequer to go on with, and which the more favourable law of limitation allows to be put off to a convenient season."

The District Judge's remarks are probably correct as regards the poorer classes of the people; for superabundant crops, while furnishing the people with plenty of food, always reduce to comparative impecuniosity the minor ryots who live from hand to mouth. But the increase in the number of title suits cannot be ascribed to the same reason; for it appears from the returns that such suits of the higher values, *i. e.*, exceeding Rs. 50, were more numerous in 1881 than in 1880.

Chota Nagpore.—There was a slight decrease in the institutions in this district. This occurred chiefly in Manbhoom and Lohardugga; and it is apparently due to the more extensive working of the Encumbered Estates Act (VI of 1876) in these places than in Hazareebagh.

Suits decided.

The Regular Courts of the following districts decided the largest number of cases in comparison with the previous year, *viz.*:—

	Disposed of in		
	1880.	1881.	Increase
Midnapore	15,733	18,684	2,951
Dacca	17,852	19,744	1,892
Tipperah	19,121	20,754	1,633
Tirhoot	7,527	8,528	1,001
Pubna and Bogra	6,804	7,749	945
Dinagepore	6,805	7,742	937
Moorshedabad	11,140	11,833	693
Rajshahye	6,853	7,514	661
Mymensingh	19,805	20,444	639

On the other hand, the returns of the following districts show a considerable falling-off, *viz.*:—

	Disposed of in		
	1880.	1881.	Decrease.
Chittagong	13,879	11,871	2,008
Backergunge	21,402	19,814	1,588
Noakhally	12,203	10,667	1,536
Shahabad	6,338	5,897	441

The work done in the Small Cause Courts has varied principally in the following Courts, *viz.*:—

	Disposed of in 1880.	Disposed of in 1881.	Increase.
Chooadangah	1,657	2,814	1,157
Kishnaghur	2,224	2,769	545
Monghyr	2,455	2,816	361

	Disposed of in 1880.	Disposed of in 1881.	Decrease.
Cuttack	3,171	1,215	1,956
Kooshtea	3,016	1,854	1,162
Jhenidah	3,132	2,090	1,042
Moonsheegunge	3,455	2,699	756
Narail	3,366	2,817	549
Sealdah	5,719	5,255	464

In the districts given below, there was an increase in the pending files of the Regular Courts at the close of 1881:— Pending files of original suits.

	Number of suits pending at the close of 1880.	Number of suits pending at the close of 1881.	Increase.
Shahabad	1,460	2,379	919
Rajshahye	1,023	1,482	459
Mymensingh	2,628	3,019	391
Bhaugulpore	1,114	1,478	364
Moorshedabad	1,536	1,870	334
Purneah	966	1,258	292
Dinagepore	768	1,007	239

On the other hand, there was a marked decrease in the following districts:—

	Number of suits pending at the close of 1880.	Number of suits pending at the close of 1881.	Decrease
Midnapore	5,461	2,252	3,209
Patna	1,385	762	623
Sarun	1,690	1,375	315
Tipperah	4,152	3,871	281

With reference to the increase of arrears on the files of original suits in Bhaugulpore, the District Judge reports that the excess occurred in the Courts of the Munsifs of Banka and Monghyr; and that it is attributable to the fact that the influx in the Court of the Munsif of Bhaugulpore was so great during the months from June to September that it became necessary to depute, with the approval of the Court, not only the Munsif of Banka, but also the 2nd Munsif of Monghyr, to assist at the Sudder Station. The result of this arrangement was the disposal of a large number of old cases on the file of the Munsif of Bhaugulpore, but a corresponding increase in the number of pending cases at Banka and Monghyr.

The number of suits and appeals pending for more than one year at the close of each of the years 1880 and 1881 is shown on the margin. The number of long-pending suits has increased in the 24-Pergunnahs, Mymensingh, Gya and Shahabad, and decreased in Dacca, Sarun and Cuttack. The number of old appeals has increased in Bankura, Mymensingh, Chittagong, Shahabad and Tirhoot, and has materially decreased in Midnapore and Hooghly.

	1880.	1881.
Original suits	194	223
Appeals	723	1,320

In 1881 the accumulation of old suits and appeals was greatest in the following districts :—

	Suits.		Appeals.
Gya	50	Shahabad	532
24-Pergunnahs	31	Bankura	176
Patna	31	Mymensingh	135
Shahabad	21	Tirhoot	134
Mymensingh	17	Chittagong	98

The large number of suits and appeals of long standing is due to several causes : some general, and some special and peculiar to the district, or to the idiosyncracies of the officers responsible for the work. A general cause is the existence, notwithstanding the repeated prohibitions of the High Court, of a practice which commends itself to a large number of officials—that of postponing the hearing of an old suit on the ground that a part-heard case (and often a petty one) has to be taken up on the date fixed for hearing. If a little more intelligence were exercised in fixing dates for the trial of all cases, and the cause-board properly consulted, an officer, really desirous of clearing his file of old cases, could in nearly every instance arrange for their being decided without clashing with other work.

Another very general cause is the inefficiency of the class of officials known as Civil Court ameens. In some districts the staff is under-manned. But, as a rule, the delay which occurs in the submission of an ameen's report is due very much more to deliberate procrastination on his part, than to any excess of work in his hands. There can be little doubt that the system which recognizes this class of officers is one which requires very thorough reform. At present the result of referring any matter for local investigation by an ameen-commissioner is simply to shelve the whole proceedings in the suit for an indefinite period. The subject has more than once been handled by the High Court; but the main difficulty which has stood in the way of reform is that of striking out a course which would suit the circumstances of all parts of the country. A better-paid agency, and a consequent higher class of individual, is difficult to provide in a district where the litigation, requiring a series of local investigations, is small. For the present, therefore, the Court must remain satisfied with the close scrutiny which it is the duty of every District Judge to exercise over the working of his ameens, in order to see that they perform their duties as efficiently as circumstances will allow.

In the 24-Pergunnahs District, where the staff of ameens is weak, an additional permanent ameen has very recently been sanctioned by the Local Government at the instance of the High Court.

The above remarks apply more especially to original suits. As regards appeals, the general increase in appellate work of late years will account for some of the arrears. In Mymensingh and Bankura they are ascribed to the insufficiency of the appellate staff. Measures were taken during the year to meet this call; and, so far as the latter-named district is concerned, the pressure may now, at the time of writing this report, be considered no longer to exist.

The arrears on the files of the Appellate Courts in Tirhoot are said to be due to the fact that, during the last three months of the year, the Officiating Judge was overweighted with exceptionally heavy criminal work. An additional Sub-Judge has, for some months, been deputed to this district, and steady progress has been made towards restoring the files to their normal condition.

The heavy arrears in Shahabad and Chittagong are due almost entirely to special causes. The late Judge of Shahabad and the present Judge of Chittagong are both officers of undoubted industry and great conscientiousness. But they both lack that facility of work without which an officer is helpless in his struggle to cope with the arduous duties of a judicial officer in this country. And the necessary result has been the accumulation of very heavy arrears, and the necessity for deputing additional judicial agency to both districts. It is due to the Judge of Chittagong to add that, of late years, the appellate work of the district has been dependent on the exertions of a much diminished staff of officers. At the present time of writing, the measures taken to relieve this abnormal pressure have met with considerable success.

A reference to Table C. appended to this report will show that, including cases in the Courts of Small Causes, the total number of suits filed in 1881 exceeded the total number filed in 1877 by 33,880, or 9·7 per cent. The value in litigation at the same time increased by Rs. 38,78,886, or 8·3 per cent. Number and value of suits instituted, 1877 to 1881. *See Table C.*

In the following statement the districts have been grouped according to the number of suits filed in 1881 :—

Exceeding 20,000 suits.

Jessore.	Backergunge.
24-Pergunnahs.	Mymensingh.
Dacca.	Tipperah.

Exceeding 15,000 suits.

Nuddea.	Midnapore.
Hooghly.	Bhaugulpore.
Furreedpore.	

Exceeding 10,000 suits.

Rungpore.	Burdwan.
Moorshedabad.	Noakhally.
Chittagong.	

Exceeding 5,000 suits.

Pubna and Bogra.	Shahabad.
Cuttack.	Bankura.
Dinagepore.	Sarun.
Purneah.	Patna.
Rajshahye.	Beerbhoom.
Tirhoot.	

Exceeding 2,000 suits.

Chota Nagpore.	Gya.

In Jessore the number of suits was slightly in excess of 31,000, of which nearly one-third were filed in the Courts of Small Causes. In the 24-Pergunnahs and Dacca the number was slightly in excess of 26,000. In Nuddea the number was somewhat below 20,000, of which a little more than one-half were filed in the Courts of Small Causes. The fact that the number of districts, in which more than 20,000 suits were filed, was six in the past, as compared with four only in the previous year, will tend to illustrate the manner in which the work of the Civil Courts has been increased.

The increase in litigation during the last five years has been most marked in Bankura, where it has amounted to 64 per cent., and in Backergunge to 48·2 per cent. Litigation has decreased in Dinagepore to the extent of 27·5 per cent., and in Burdwan to the extent of 21·1 per cent. The reasons suggested in the report for 1880 for the increase of litigation in Bankura and the decrease in Dinagepore and Burdwan in that year, are probably equally applicable to the year under report.

The number of suits of each class instituted in all the Civil Courts in each of the past two years, was as follows :— Classification of suits instituted, 1880 and 1881 *See Table D.*

	1880.	1881.
Suits cognizable by a Small Cause Court	196,851	199,224
Suits under the Rent Law	142,886	149,119
Other suits	44,828	34,886

Excluding cases instituted in the Small Cause Courts, the number of cases of the Small Cause Court class instituted in 1881 was 144,587, of which 48,031 were disposed of by 81 officers (80 Munsifs and 1 Subordinate Judge) vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge for the trial of suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. Comparing the results in the past with those in the previous year, it appears that, in cases instituted in the Courts of Small Causes, there has been a decrease in 1881 of 4·6 per cent.; and, in cases of the Small Cause Court class instituted in the Regular Civil Courts, there has been an increase of 3·6 per cent. As regards suits under the Rent Law,

there was an increase of 4·3 per cent.; while in "title and other suits" there was a decrease of 22·1 per cent.

The results, as affecting the Courts of Small Causes, will be considered later on in this report, in more immediate connection with the statistics for such Courts.

As regards suits of the Small Cause Court class instituted in the Regular Civil Courts, the most noticeable increase occurred in the following districts: *viz.*, Mymensingh (1,650), Cuttack (1,591), and Dinagepore (712). On the other hand, there was a decrease of 921 in the number of suits of this class instituted in Chittagong, of 747 in Furreedpore, and of 469 in Rungpore. The decrease in Chittagong is attributed generally by the District Judge (1) to the prosperity of the people, who were, as a consequence, in a better position to meet their obligations; and (2) to the difficulty, anticipated by litigants, of profiting by their decrees, owing to the alleged cumbrous working of the new rules framed by the High Court. The first of these arguments required some explanation, for it had been advanced by the District Judge in a former report in order to account for an increase in such litigation in the year 1880. The District Judge accordingly explains as follows:—

"The circumstances of this district are normally prosperous. The rainfall is generally heavy, and the crops very rarely fail. The peasantry are rarely in debt, and are very independent. They are many of them enriched by service in Burma, where the wages of labour are very high; and the flow of labour to Burma has raised, and keeps up, the price of that which remains in Chittagong.

"The district is, however, exposed to cyclone and flood; and the great storm of 1876 reduced many to great straits.

"I understand, however, that, while some of the borrowers certainly did execute bonds, the greater number pledged ornaments, on condition that the pawnee's lien should become absolute if the debt was not repaid by a certain date. The tendency of this condition was to keep the transactions out of Court.

"Nevertheless there was an increase, in 1877, of suits for money, &c., which may be stated perhaps at 20 per cent.; for it stands at 16 per cent., although the jurisdiction area was materially reduced early in the year.

"So in 1878 there was still an abnormal number of bond suits; for, notwithstanding the reduction of area, the number was the same as it had been in 1876.

"In 1879 a part only of the area was re-transferred, and the suits of this class rose very nearly to the standard of 1877.

"It would seem that, by the end of 1879, the effects of the cyclone had very nearly passed away; for in 1880 the institutions fell to the mean of the years 1874 and 1875."

Suits under the rent law increased considerably in Dinagepore (945), Dacca (935), Tirhoot (898), Tipperah (878), Burdwan (675), and Pubna and Bogra (609). They decreased in Chittagong (710) and Jessore (501). The following are some of the remarks recorded by District Judges in explanation of the variations of the figures for the past two years in respect of suits of this class:—

Chittagong.—"Turning to rent suits, I find that the diminution in the year following the cyclone is but small, while the next year's figures are normal. I should account for this by the fact that the limitation in rent suits is short, and persons had either to bring a suit in 1877, or to allow arrears of 1874 to become barred.

"But a good deal of current rent clearly remained unpaid in the triennium beginning with the cyclone year; for in 1879 and 1880 the rent-suits were unusually numerous.

"The number of rent suits during the past year is but moderately in excess of that of the years before the cyclone. Here also we see that the people have nearly recovered the position they then lost."

Nuddea.—"Rent suits have increased from 5,066 to 5,662; net increase 596. It would appear that there is an increase of 289 rent suits in the Sudder, and 274 in the Bongong Munsifs' Courts, as compared with the number of cases instituted in 1880 in these two Munsifis. This increase chiefly relates to 'suits for arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.' In the Sudder the increase is attributed to the proceedings of a single zemindar. I am informed that, in the majority of cases, the defendants who were sued in 1879 have been sued during the year under report, and at Bongong the increase is attributable to the first and second causes already mentioned.

"It may, however, be remarked here that the relations between landlord and tenant, which were of a quiet character in 1880, were more disturbed in 1881. This was owing to inability of the defendant class to pay, and to the non-forbearance on the part of the zemindars to allow their demands to remain unsatisfied, for fear of the same being barred by limitation."

Patna.—"The diminution" [in the number of suits] "extends to all classes of cases. It has been most marked in the Behar Sub-Division, where the number of rent suits has fallen to about one-third of the figures for 1880. The Munsif ascribes this to a cessation of hostilities between landlord and tenant. In the Barh Sub-Division there has been a considerable increase in the number of rent suits, the figures being 1,409 against 1,063 for 1880. The 163

enhancement suits, instituted in the Munsif's Court, all belonged to one village, and were suits in which the landholder tried to enhance the rent by converting money-rents into rents paid in kind. So far as I can judge, landholders prefer the *Bhaoli* tenure, and ryots the *Nakdi* one. This is natural, as the landholders commonly take nine-sixteenths of the produce, and Road and Public Works Cesses in addition, when the tenure is *Bhaoli*. When produce is very cheap or very scanty, the ryots may prefer the *Bhaoli* system; and I have been told that they have, in some cases, voluntarily returned to it. But certainly the severest struggles between landlord and tenant occur when the former alleges *Bhaoli* tenure, and the latter says that it is *Nakdi*. Possibly, if the landlords confined their demand to one-half of the produce, and did not levy unauthorized cesses, the payment in kind would not be so unpopular. The system does not adapt itself well to the purpose of a law-suit, for the Courts have no means of ascertaining satisfactorily the amount of the produce. On this subject the 3rd Munsif writes as follows:—'I am also inclined to believe that of late there has been a tendency in this district among the landlords to revert to the old mode of collection by grain-rent, and a determined disposition on the part of the ryot to pay in money. Cheapness of the season is now looked upon by the knowing ryot as a mere incident which may not continue for years; and exactions of all kinds, which are easy in the *Bhaoli* system, are dreaded by him more than any infliction that the market can make upon him.'"

Tirhoot.—"The number of institutions of rent suits has generally increased in almost all the Munsifs this year, showing, either the want of good feeling between the landlords and tenants, or the refusal of the ryots to pay their due rent. A large number of these suits is generally decided in batches as analogous cases. The institutions in the sudder station have risen from 699 to 933; and, apart from other causes, the speedier disposal of rent suits under the new scheme" [referred to on the first page of this report] "may have operated in inducing an increase. The number of institutions was the heaviest in the Munsifi of Tajpore, the figures having risen from 871 to 1,201. Many of these comprise batches of analogous suits by indigo planters, Government and other landlords, against their ryots."

Dacca.—"Under the head of rent suits there was an increase of 935 suits, which occurred mostly in the Courts of the Munsifs of Kaligunge, Munshigunge and Manikgunge. No particular cause can be assigned for this increase. It may be that landlords are more generally having recourse to the Civil Courts for assistance in collecting their rent. There have been no agrarian disturbances this year; and no landlord, that I am aware of, has made any general attempt to enhance the rent of his ryots."

The decrease of 22·1 per cent. in the number of "Title and other suits" instituted in the past year was due chiefly to a falling off in the number of cases instituted in the following districts: *viz.*, Midnapore (a decrease of 3,263 cases), Burdwan (662 cases), and Sarun (622 cases). The decrease in Midnapore is apparent only, and is probably due to the institution by Government of a large number of settlement suits in 1880. In Sarun, and in most of the other districts where a decrease occurred, it is attributed mainly to the fact that title suits for setting aside the Collector's mutation orders, under the Land Registration Act of 1876, have considerably diminished in number, as such suits were generally brought within a year from the date of the Collector's orders. To explain the decrease in Tirhoot, the District Judge advances the additional argument that suits under the Mitakshara law, for setting aside the father's alienations, have largely decreased; as, since the publication of the Privy Council Ruling *in re* Deendoyal Lall, the creditors invariably make the sons defendants in their suits, and thus no room is left to the sons to contest their father's alienations after the sale of their ancestral properties. The District Judge adds that "it is believed that tentative and speculative suits will greatly diminish in the present year, as the advocates and pleaders have framed strict rules for the speedy and full realization of their legal fees from their clients, with effect from the beginning of the present year."

The following statement, prepared in accordance with the practice of former years, will shew in what districts suits of each class were most numerous.

Including Small Cause Courts, each of the following districts had more than 10,000 suits for money or moveables:—

	1879.	1880.	1881.
Dacca	16,771	19,974	19,575
Mymensingh	11,926	13,864	15,514
24-Pergunnahs	15,662	14,241	14,371
Jessore	18,155	15,424	13,602
Nuddea	13,779	12,468	13,328
Furreedpore	8,957	11,550	10,702

It will be observed that in Mymensingh there has been a gradual increase, and in Jessore a gradual decrease, in the number of institutions of suits of this class since 1879.

The number of suits under the rent law instituted in the past year has exceeded 10,000 in three districts only, *viz.*, Jessore (15,094), Backergunge (14,281), and 24-Pergunnahs (10,194). Jessore and Backergunge, it is to be observed, continue in this respect to hold the same position as in the previous two years.

Chittagong was the only district where the number of "title and other suits" instituted in 1881 exceeded 2,500. The following statement shows the districts in which the number instituted in 1881 exceeded 2,000 :—

	1879.	1880.	1881.
Chittagong	2,279	2,537	2,561
Tipperah	2,701	2,567	2,318
Mymensingh	2,669	2,884	2,290
24-Pergunnahs	2,661	2,591	2,180

The following table gives details regarding the suits for money or moveables instituted in the past two years in the Regular Civil Courts, and in the Courts of Small Causes :—

Description of Suits.	Small Cause Courts.		Regular Civil Courts.	
	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
On written obligation	29,136	27,993	95,952	100,903
On unwritten obligation	6,965	6,045	9,362	10,103
On account stated	2,635	2,948	8,632	9,277
Money had and received	977	712	3,118	3,319
Goods sold	8,966	8,212	4,967	4,876
Wages, work and materials . . .	1,189	1,178	1,534	1,373
Rent not falling under the rent law . .	3,733	3,840	2,694	3,224
Moveable property or value thereof . .	700	1,589	6,049	5,090
Damages	2,370	1,345	4,943	4,220
Other suits for money or moveables not mentioned above	654	775	2,284	2,202
Total .	57,316	54,637	139,535	144,587

It will be observed that the decrease in the Small Cause Courts was chiefly in respect of suits on bonds and on unwritten obligations, for recovery of goods sold, and for damages. On the other hand, suits for the recovery of moveable property or its value more than doubled the number instituted in 1880. The increase in the Regular Civil Courts was chiefly in respect of suits on bonds.

The following table contains a comparative statement of the various descriptions of suits under the rent law, instituted during the past two years in the Civil Courts and in the Revenue Courts:—

	Civil Courts.		Revenue Courts.	
	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
Arrears of rent	136,731	144,127	7,190	8,858
Enhancement or abatement of rent	1,364	1,837	119	131
Relating to distraint	356	330	271	219
Damages for extortion, &c.	373	386	99	96
For pottahs or kabulyats	106	53	86	34
For ejectment or recovery of possession	1,488	914	349	194
For recovery of money or accounts from agents	904	903	27	35
All other suits under the rent law	1,564	569	56	67
TOTAL	142,886	149,119	8,197	9,634

There was a considerable increase in the number of suits for "arrears of rent," both in the Civil Courts and in the Revenue Courts. Suits for "enhancement or abatement of rent" also increased in both classes of Courts, but especially so in the Civil Courts. On the other hand, suits for "ejectment or recovery of possession" decreased considerably in both classes of Courts; and miscellaneous suits under the rent law decreased to a great extent in the Civil Courts.

The following statement gives details of suits other than rent suits and suits of the Small Cause Court class, instituted in the past two years:—

	Number of suits.		Percentage of the total number of the class.	
	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
Suits for immoveable property	25,106	20,121	56·01	57·68
„ for declaratory decrees	1,208	984	2·70	2·82
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	4,933	3,994	11·00	11·45
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property	7,234	6,429	16·14	18·43
Suits to declare and establish personal rights	964	657	2·15	1·88
„ for an account	521	449	1·16	1·29
„ relating to religious endowments	34	35	·07	·10
„ to set aside judgments, &c., on the ground of fraud	656	476	1·47	1·37
Suits for dissolution of marriage	25	30	·05	·08
„ for enforcement of matrimonial rights	412	461	·92	1·32
„ for partition	583	516	1·30	1·48
„ relating to shipping	1	5	...	·02
„ „ to religion and caste	21	21	·05	·06
Administration suits	6	4	·01	·01
Interpleader suits	13	6	·03	·02
Dissolution of partnership	21	9	·05	·02
Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865	143	144	·32	·41
Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	2,947	545	6·57	1·56
TOTAL	44,828	34,886	100·	100·

This statement shows that, with the exception of suits relating to religious endowments, suits for dissolution of marriage, or for enforcement of matrimonial rights, suits relating to shipping, and suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865, which have slightly increased, a decrease has occurred in the institution of all classes of miscellaneous original suits, particularly in suits for the recovery of immovcable property, and under the head "other suits not falling under any of the previous heads."

Suits valued according to class. *See Table E.*

The following statement gives the value of suits of each class instituted in each of the past two years :—

		1880.	1881.
		Rs.	Rs.
Suits for money or moveables .	Small Cause Courts . .	30,11,418	28,76,972
	Regular Courts . . .	1,53,22,956	1,65,08,394
„ under the rent law		77,60,187	81,12,308
Title and other suits		2,50,16,897	1,88,69,806

The decrease under the head "title and other suits" is chiefly due to the falling-off in the institutions of such suits. The decrease is most marked in Mymensingh, Gya, Sarun, Moorshedabad, Cuttack, Tipperah, Bhaugulpore and Burdwan, and, in the case of the last named district, is attributed to the fact that, in 1880, some exceptionally heavy colliery suits were filed, which swelled the value for that year.

The following statement shows the average value of a suit of each class :—

		1880.	1881.
		Rs.	Rs.
Suits for money or moveables .	Small Cause Courts . .	52·5	52·6
	Regular Courts . . .	109·8	114·1
Suits under the rent law		54·3	54·4
Title and other suits		558·1	540·8

Details of value. *See Statement 3.*

The following table gives further details of the value of suits instituted in 1881 :—

Details of value.	Suits for money or moveables.			Suits under the rent law.	Title and other suits.
	Small Cause Courts.	Regular Courts.			
		Under Small Cause Court powers.	Under ordinary procedure.		
Not exceeding Rs. 10 . .	9,234	9,622	6,060	48,258	4,832
„ „ 50 . .	28,579	39,457	40,140	69,720	13,666
„ „ 100 . .	9,935	...	26,758	17,525	6,297
„ „ 500 . .	6,889	...	18,809	11,697	6,745
Exceeding „ 500 or value not ascertained.	...	...	3,741	1,919	3,346
Total .	54,637	49,079	95,508	149,119	34,886

From this table it appears that in 374,223 or 97·6 per cent. of the whole number of suits instituted in the Civil Courts, the value involved did not exceed Rs. 500, and in 72 per cent. of these, the value did not exceed Rs. 50. Of suits instituted in the Small Cause Courts, in 37,813 or 69·2 per cent. the value did not exceed Rs. 50. Of suits of the Small Cause Court class, instituted in the Regular Civil Courts, 95,279 or 65·9 per cent. did not exceed the same value. Of these, 49,079 were dealt with by officers vested with Small Cause Court powers. Of rent suits, 32·3 per cent. did not exceed Rs. 10 in value; and 79·1 per cent. of these, exceeding Rs. 10, did not exceed Rs. 50 in value. In 24,795 or 71 per cent. of the title and other suits instituted, the property in dispute did not exceed Rs. 100.

The following statement gives details of 8,545 suits, in which the value is said to have exceeded Rs. 500:—

	Suits for money or moveables.	Suits under the rent law.	Title and other suits.
Not exceeding Rs. 1,000 in value . .	2,172	1,167	1,059
„ „ 5,000 „ . . .	1,250	644	1,449
„ „ 10,000 „ . . .	198	59	249
„ „ 1,00,000 „ . . .	118	17	146
Exceeding „ 1,00,000 „ . . .	2	...	15
TOTAL .	3,740	1,887	2,918

In the remaining 461 cases the value cannot be estimated in money.

The manner in which suits were dealt with during each of the past five years is shown in the following table:— Suits how determined. *See Table F.*

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	TOTAL.
1877	129,094	133,254	93,094	355,442
1878	126,961	131,805	94,151	352,917
1879	139,070	140,466	93,761	373,297
1880	147,885	142,606	96,474	386,965
1881	144,250	146,304	99,738	390,292

Contested cases formed 25·5 per cent. of the whole number decided in 1881, as compared with 24·9 per cent. in 1880 and 25·1 per cent. in 1879.

In the following statement details are given for 1881 according to the class of suit and the class of Court before which it was brought:—

		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.
Courts of Small Causes		25,582	19,069	10,769
Regular Courts .	Suits for money or moveables	57,568	61,912	25,102
	„ under the rent law .	45,931	61,104	42,850
	Title and other suits . .	15,169	4,219	21,017
	TOTAL .	118,668	127,235	88,969

From this statement it appears that while in the Small Cause Courts 19·4 per cent. of the cases decided were contested, as compared with 26·5 per cent. in the Regular Civil Courts, in the latter the ratio for each class of suits separately was—in suits for money or moveables, 17·3 per cent.; in rent suits 28·5 per cent.; and in title and other suits 52· per cent. From these results it will be observed that the largest proportion of contested suits is, as in previous years, found among title and other claims, while the smallest proportion is in respect of suits of the Small Cause Court class.

Of the suits for money, &c., entered above, as decided in the Regular Courts, 48,031 cases were dealt with by 81 officers vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge for the trial of petty suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. The manner in which these cases were disposed of is shown in the margin. Only 15·4 per cent. were contested.

Withdrawn	20,540
Decided *ex parte*	20,076
Contested	7,415
TOTAL	48,031

Districts where contested suits were most numerous.

The following were the only districts with more than 5,000 contested cases in the past year:—

	1879.	1880.	1881.
Jessore	8,313	8,297	7,933
24-Pergunnahs	7,564	6,968	7,010
Tipperah	5,045	5,267	6,282
Dacca	4,675	4,582	5,611
Midnapore	3,703	3,827	5,444
Mymensingh	4,465	4,791	5,092

The proportion of contested cases decided in the Regular Civil Courts was greatest in the following districts:—

	PERCENTAGE OF CONTESTED CASES.			
	In suits for money, &c.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.	TOTAL.
Patna	27·5	50·1	65·5	48·5
Tirhoot	30·7	55·6	57·2	46·7
Gya	30·9	56·8	61·4	44·9
Chittagong	27·7	32·9	57·1	36·6
Shahabad	22·9	37·2	55·5	36·1
Chota Nagpore	28·7	...	67·4	35·1
Sarun	19·4	31·2	56·5	32·
Tipperah	17·5	37·4	58·2	30·2

On referring to the statement given in an earlier portion of this report, in which the districts have been grouped according to the number of suits filed in 1881, it will be observed that, with the exception of Chittagong and Tipperah, in all the districts referred to above, the institutions in the past year did not exceed 5,000.

In the following statement further details are given of the manner in which suits were disposed of in the Civil Courts in the interior, and in the

Small Cause Courts separately. The proportion of cases in which the plaintiffs and defendants were, respectively, successful during the past three years is also shown :—

All Courts, including Small Cause Courts.			Mode of Disposal.	Small Cause Courts separately.		
1879.	1880.	1881.		1879.	1880.	1881.
613	661	682	Plaints rejected	59	70	53
37,545	42,738	41,608	Default	7,467	7,702	7,089
7,992	8,448	8,163	Withdrawn	1,266	1,119	914
13,158	11,712	10,894	Dismissed *ex parte*	366	203	192
25,535	25,701	26,514	Dismissed on trial	3,409	3,116	2,992
84,843	89,260	87 961	Plaintiff loses	12,567	12,210	11,240
46,780	51,344	52,141	Compromised	7,524	7,086	7,489
46,140	44,694	41,656	Confession	13,924	12,438	10,037
127,308	130,894	135,410	Decreed *ex parte*	19,228	19,897	18,877
68,226	70,773	73,224	Decreed on trial	8,261	7,878	7,777
241,674	246,361	250,290	Plaintiff wins	41,408	40,213	36,691
46,780	51,344	52,141	Add compromised	7,524	7,086	7,489
288,454	297,705	302,431		48,932	47,299	44,180

From the above the following ratios are deducible, showing in what proportion, of the whole number of cases decided, the plaintiff was successful or the reverse :—

	1879.	1880.	1881.
Plaintiff loses	22·8	23·	22·5
Compromised	12·5	13·4	13·3
Plaintiff wins	64·7	63·6	64·2

In the Courts of Small Causes taken separately the plaintiffs were not so successful in 1881 as in 1880 ; this will appear from the results noted in the margin; but their success in these Courts was, as in the previous year, somewhat greater than in the Courts generally.

	Percentage.	
	1880.	1881.
Plaintiff loses	20·5	20·3
Compromised	11·9	13·5
Plaintiff wins	67·6	66·2

The following statement shows for each of the past three years the number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex parte*, compared with the number of applications for setting aside the judgments in such cases made and granted :—

Applications to set aside *ex parte* judgments, or judgments in default. *See Table G.*

	1879.	1880.	1881.
Number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex parte*	164,853	173,632	177,018
Number of applications to set aside judgments in such cases	9,139	8,400	9,337
Number of such applications granted	3,890	4,132	4,176

The ratio in 1881 of applications to judgments was 5·2 per cent., or a little in excess of the proportion for the previous year. Of the applications made last year, 44·7 per cent. were granted, as compared with 49·1 per cent. in 1880. The proportion in the several classes of Courts taken separately for the past two years was as follows:—

	Percentage.	
	1880.	1881.
District Judges' Courts	62·5	80·
Small Cause Courts	58·1	54·1
Subordinate Judges' Courts	27·3	30·5
Munsifs' Courts	47·7	43·2

The high percentage in the District Judges' Courts is owing to the small number of the applications made in each district.

Decrees how executed. *See Table H.*

The following statement shows the number of applications for the execution of decrees on which realisations were made in the past three years, in full or partial satisfaction, and the amount realized in the Regular Civil Courts:—

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realized.
			Rs.
1879	76,043	44,534	1,37,00,646
1880	74,900	44,306	1,47,27,846
1881	64,167	37,206	1,27,13,970

The corresponding figures for Small Cause Courts during the past two years are as follows:—

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realized.
			Rs.
1880	5,566	8,144	6,18,084
1881	5,561	6,460	3,81,392

In the Regular Civil Courts there was a decrease of Rs. 20,14,876, and in the Courts of Small Causes a decrease of Rs. 2,36,692 in the amount realized. The amount realized in the Regular Civil Courts was greatest in the following districts:—

	Amount realized.	
	1880.	1881.
	Rs.	Rs.
Tirhoot	9,56,621	14,46,298
Backergunge	9,80,617	8,94,797
24-Pergunnahs	11,25,981	8,73,264
Dacca	5,12,505	7,89,990
Bhaugulpore	12,41,847	7,15,799
Jessore	6,40,030	5,31,730

The above figures show that the realizations in Jessore have fallen off by over a lakh of rupees. This result is reported by the District Judge to be to some extent due to the smaller number of applications for executions; but chiefly to the fact that, in a large number of instances, parties come to terms out of Court, and do not certify the fact for record in the execution cases. He states also that in a vast number of cases, although the decree-holders apply for a process, they fail to have it executed, their object being simply to keep the decree alive; and that the infructuousness of an enormous number of execution applications is entirely due to the *laches* of the decree-holders.

The following statement shews the number of applications for the execution of decrees disposed of in 1881, on which realizations were made with and without the issue of process, and the amount realized with and without it, in the Regular Civil Courts and in the Small Cause Courts separately:—

		Number of applications.	Amount realized.
			Rs.
Regular Civil Courts	With process	84,901	1,11,31,077
	Without process	16,472	15,81,893
Small Cause Courts	With process	10,789	3,12,098
	Without process	1,232	69,294

Taking all the Courts together, it will appear that the issue of process was found to be unnecessary in 15·6 per cent. of the applications on which realizations were effected in 1881, as compared with 13·9 per cent. in 1880.

In Burdwan, Chittagong and Dinagepore there was a marked decrease in the number of applications for execution of decrees filed in 1881, as compared with the number filed in 1880; while in Noakhally there was a large increase in the amount realized without the issue of process. These results are attributed, by the Judges of these districts, to the difficulty experienced by decree-holders in complying with the requirements of the rules made by the High Court in July 1880 and referred to in the report for that year. These rules are about to be again taken into consideration, together with special reports on the subject submitted by District Officers.

Decrees executed. *See Statement 6.*

In Statement 6 further details will be found regarding the manner in which decrees were executed in 1881. The number of applications for execution (including verbal applications made immediately on delivery of judgment) dealt with by the Civil Courts in the interior, was 316,475; the whole number disposed of 263,676; and the number pending 52,799. Satisfaction, in whole or in part, was obtained in 113,394 cases. Of the applications disposed of, the creditor's claim was adjusted under Section 258 of the Code of Civil Procedure in 35,834 cases; and 144,303 applications were wholly infructuous. This does not mean that so many decrees became inoperative, but merely that the decree-holders were unsuccessful in, or did not persevere with, those particular attempts to execute such decrees.

Coercive processes.

The following figures shew the comparative frequency of certain modes of execution in the past five years:—

Year.	Possession given.	Imprisonment.	Property sold.	
			Moveable.	Immoveable.
1877	7,636	3,922	15,559	23,681
1878	7,588	1,984	8,957	32,248
1879	8,064	2,190	10,299	32,240
1880	8,040	1,775	10,728	27,627
1881	7,453	1,936	10,258	21,182

These figures shew that the number of applications in which the judgment-debtor's property was sold has decreased, particularly in cases in which his immovcable property was sold. The latter result is, as pointed out in the report for 1880, apparently due to the operation of the High Court rules referred to above. There was also a decrease in the number of applications upon which possession was given to the decree-holder; but, of the 7,453 applications upon which this mode of execution was adopted, in only 260 cases was the property "movcable property." On the other hand, there was an increase in the number of applications upon which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.

Other modes in which execution was effected were as follows:—In 629 cases the judgment-debtors' immoveable property was dealt with under Section 305, 322 or 326 of the Civil Procedure Code; that is, opportunity was given to raise money on the property, so as to satisfy the decree. Specific performance was enforced in 133 cases; and partition was effected in 185 cases. Details are not given of the manner in which decrees were executed in 6,395 cases.

The following statement exhibits the number of original miscellaneous
38. cases of a *judicial nature*, which were instituted, determined, and pending in the Regular Civil Courts and in the Small Cause Courts, in each of the past two years:—

		Instituted.	Determined.	Pending.
Regular Civil Courts	1880	32,729	33,521	6,310
	1881	28,892	29,550	5,849
Small Cause Courts	1880	3,161	3,231	195
	1881	2,817	2,827	188

The above figures shew a decrease in all Courts in the institutions of this class of cases. Corresponding results are also shewn in respect of the cases disposed of, and of pending files. Details are given below of the manner in which these cases were dealt with in the past two years:—

	By Regular Civil Courts.		By Small Cause Courts.	
	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	6,536	5,830*	860	547
Decided *ex parte*	7,874	6,952	374	244
Contested	19,085	16,768	1,997	2,036
TOTAL	33,495	29,550	3,231	2,827

* Includes 90 redemption and foreclosure cases.

Of the cases decided after contest by the Regular Civil Courts, the applications were granted in 53·4 per cent. and refused in the remainder. Of the whole number decided, 850 or 2·8 per cent. were compromised. In Small Cause Courts, 51·9 per cent. of the contested applications decided were granted, the rest being refused; 80, or 2·8 per cent. of the whole number decided, were compromised.

Miscellaneous (Non-Judicial) cases.
See Table I.1.

The following table shows, for the years 1880 and 1881, the total number of miscellaneous non-judicial cases instituted under the Rent Law in the Courts of first instance in Bengal, the total number decided by those Courts, and the number pending at the close of each of those years:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1880	33,838	41,593	5,688
1881	29,463	31,373	3,778

These figures show that, as compared with 1880, there was a considerable decrease in the number of cases of this class instituted in the past year; and a corresponding decrease in the number disposed of during that period and pending at the close of the year.

Taking each district separately, the decrease was most marked in the following districts:—

	Decrease.
Midnapore	1,644
Patna	1,057
Bhaugulpore	768
Backergunge	632
Hooghly	400

On the other hand, there was a marked increase in the following districts:—

	Increase.
Tirhoot	761
Tipperah	402

Nearly all the cases instituted in Backergunge relate, it is stated, to deposits of rent; and the decrease in the past year is held by the District Judge to point to the better relations which existed between tenants and their landlords.

The following statement exhibits in detail the several classes of miscellaneous (non-judicial) cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Courts in 1881:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
Applications for the deposit of rent	27,577	29,575	3,201
Applications for assistance to distrain	1,260	1,219	365
Applications for the sale of distrained property	626	579	212
	29,463	31,373	3,778

Of the 1,219 applications for assistance to distrain property, 1,012 were granted and the rest refused.

The average duration of suits, contested and uncontested, disposed of in the past year by the several grades of Courts, is given in the following statement:— Average duration of cases. *See Table Q.*

		District Judges.	Subordinate Judges.	Munsifs.	Small Cause Court Judges.
		M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.
Under ordinary procedure	Contested	6 10	8 11	3 29	...
	Uncontested	5 28	3 16	1 26	...
Under Small Cause Court procedure	Contested	...	0 20	1 24	0 28
	Uncontested	...	0 20	1 6	0 22

On comparing these figures with those given at page 16 of the report for 1880, it will be observed that suits, both contested and uncontested, were dealt with less promptly than in the previous year. The average duration of contested cases disposed of by the District Judge of Gya is particularly high (3 years 1 month and 5 days); but this cannot be attributed to any dilatoriness on the part of the District Judge, as the figures given represent the

duration of only two cases decided during the year. One of these was a very important case connected with the Ticcari Raj, which necessitated the deputation, during its trial, of an Additional Judge to the district. In Hooghly the duration of cases decided by the District Judge continues to be unsatisfactory; it is attributed, as in 1880, to the continual interruption to Civil work by Sessions and other Criminal duties. The duration of uncontested cases disposed of by the District Judge of Chittagong is also unsatisfactory.

III.—SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

I.—THE PRESIDENCY SMALL CAUSE COURT.

Calcutta Small Cause Court.

The number of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the Calcutta Small Cause Court, during 1880 and 1881, was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1880	35,304	35,600	1,288
1881	34,108	34,063	1,333

Of the 34,108 suits instituted, in 27,175, or 79·6 per cent., the value involved did not exceed Rs, 50; and, of these, in 48·3 per cent. the value was very trifling, in no case exceeding Rs. 10. In 680 cases the value exceeded Rs. 500; and, of these again, in 55 cases it exceeded Rs. 1,000.

The total amount in litigation was Rs. 17,28,960 in the past, as compared with Rs. 17,70,038 in the previous, year.

Details of the value of the suits instituted in the past two years are given below:—

Classified value of suits.	1880.	1881.
Up to Rs. 10	14,449	13,145
„ „ 50	13,990	14,030
„ „ 100	3,001	3,070
„ „ 500	3,158	3,183
„ „ 1,000	641	625
Above 1,000	65	55
TOTAL	35,304	34,108

These figures show that the decrease has been chiefly in respect of petty cases, in which the value did not exceed Rs. 10. Suits of values ranging from Rs. 10 to Rs. 500 have, however, slightly increased

Of the suits disposed of during 1881, 5,483 did not come to trial, having been dismissed for default or for want of prosecution, or having been withdrawn with leave; 21,964 were decided without contest in the manner shown in the margin; and 6,616 were decided after contest or on reference to arbitration. The number of miscellaneous judicial cases disposed of by the Court in 1881 was 203. Of these, 48 were commissions received for execution from Courts in the interior; and 155 were distraint cases (not being inter-pleader claims) under the Distress Act, 1875.

Compromised . . .	12,586
Decreed on confession .	2,176
Decreed *ex parte* . .	7,150
Dismissed *ex parte* . .	52

Besides the above, 1,819 processes, issued from Courts in the mofussil, were served by the Calcutta Small Cause Court on persons residing in Calcutta.

Including the applications pending at the close of 1880, there were in the past year 15,614 applications for the execution of decrees on the file of the Calcutta Small Cause Court. Of these, 15,147 were disposed of; leaving 467 applications pending at the close of 1881. Of the applications disposed of, in 11,493 cases the decree was wholly or partly satisfied; in 5,616 cases satisfaction was obtained with, and in 5,877 cases without, the issue of process.

	*Rs.
* With the issue of process	1,78,244
Without the issue of process	1,57,780
	3,36,024

The total amount realised was Rs. 3,36,024* in the past, as compared with Rs. 3,47,112 in the previous, year.

To effect the execution of decrees, the following were some of the principal coercive measures adopted by the Calcutta Court of Small Causes. In 460 cases the judgment-debtor was imprisoned; in 602 cases his moveable property was sold; and in 49 cases his immoveable property was made over to the decree-holder in liquidation of the debt.

II.—SMALL CAUSE COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.

The business coming before the Small Cause Courts in each district is shown in Table A, which has already been noticed. In Table A 1 will be found details for each Court separately. No changes occurred in the past year in the number of such Courts. The Subordinate Judge of the District continues to preside in the Pubna Small Cause Court.

Small Cause Courts in the interior. *See Table A. 1.*

The total number of cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Small Cause Courts during the past two years was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1880	57,316	59,509	2,922
1881	54,637	55,420	3,025

There was a decrease in the past year of 2,679 cases filed and of 4,089 cases decided. There was, however, an increase of 103 cases on the pending files.

The Courts, or groups of Courts, where the increase or decrease in the number of cases instituted has been greatest, are shown below:—

	Increase.	Decrease.
Cuttack	...	1,707
Magoorah, &c.	...	1,543
Kishnaghur, &c.	707	...
Dacca and Moonsheegunge	...	543
Bhaugulpore and Monghyr	440	...

On comparing Table F 1, appended to this Report, with the corresponding Table appended to the Report for 1880, it will be observed that the number of contested cases decided by the Small Cause Courts in the past year, was only 225 less than the number decided in 1880. This circumstance leads to the inference that the decrease in the institutions of the past year has been almost entirely in uncontested cases.

The subjoined table shows the number of cases instituted during each of the past four years in the principal Courts and Circles :—

	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.
Magoorah, &c.	6,978	8,637	7,864	6,321
Dacca and Moonsheegunge	6,061	5,552	7,283	6,740
Jessore	4,943	5,927	4,209	4,065
Kooshtea and Chooadanga	4,050	5,023	4,555	4,613
Kishnaghur, &c.	5,520	6,338	5,775	6,482
Sealdah	5,581	5,690	5,228	5,257
Hooghly, &c.	4,220	5,130	5,413	5,595
Bhaugulpore and Monghyr	4,222	3,953	4,418	4,858
Furreedpore	1,547	903	1,411	1,311

Notwithstanding the fact that the number of cases decided by the Small Cause Courts in the past year exceeded the influx of cases during that period, the pending files at the close of the year were not so free from arrears as at the close of 1880. The explanation for this apparent anomaly is that, in addition to the institution of fresh cases, a large number of cases which had been dismissed for default, &c., and of cases in which an application for a review of judgment was granted, were restored to the files during the year under report.

Cases how decided. *See Table F 1.*

In a preceding portion of this report it is shown that, of the total number of cases decided by the Small Cause Courts in the past year, 10,769 or 19·4 per cent. were contested. The following are the Courts or groups of Courts in which the number of contested cases was greatest in the past two years :—

	1880.	1881.
Sealdah	1,418	1,459
Hooghly, &c.	1,361	1,277
Kishnaghur, &c.	1,093	1,192
Magoorah, &c.	1,349	1,176
Dacca and Moonsheegunge	1,093	1,133
Kooshtea and Chooadanga	883	1,027
Bhaugulpore and Monghyr	625	781
Jessore	832	692

The relative position of the Courts at Sealdah, Hooghly, &c., Dacca and Moonsheegunge, and Kooshtea and Chooadanga is, for the past year, exactly the same as for 1880.

Value of suits instituted.

Out of 48,031 cases disposed of by officers vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court for the trial of the petty suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value, 7,415 or 15·4 per cent. were contested. It has been shown before that of the cases of the Small Cause Court class before officers not vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge, 46,200 did not exceed Rs. 50 in value; besides these, the value in 26,758 suits lay between Rs. 50 and Rs. 100. The Court has already on more than one occasion suggested that the powers vested in Munsifs under Section 29, Act VI of 1871, should be extended to cases of the value of Rs. 100.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

IV.—The High Court.

I.—Appeals under Section 15 of the Letters Patent.

The statement in the margin shows the number of appeals, under Section 15 of the Letters Patent, preferred against the decrees of the High Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction, and decided in each of the past two years. The number of appeals before the Court in 1881, from the decisions of Judges of the High Court in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction, was 76, including 27 pending from the previous year. Of these, 47 were decided, and 29 remained unheard at the close of the year.

Class of Appeals.	Filed.		Decided.	
	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
First Appeals ...	44	49	42	47
Third Appeals ...	45	114	55	103

As stated in the report for 1880, the alteration in the law (Section 575 of the Code of Civil Procedure) has prevented what used to be known as second appeals. The number of third appeals, presented in 1881 against the order of a single Judge, on appeal from an appellate decree in suits valued at less than Rs. 50, was 144, as compared with 45 in 1880. The increase is the more noteworthy, in that the number of decisions passed by a single Judge in 1880 and 1881 was 434 and 374, respectively. The following table shows the manner in which "third appeals" were disposed of in the past two years:—

	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Disposed of otherwise.
1880	41	...	8	6	...
1881	71	2	23	6	1

Third appeals were preferred from the orders passed in 38·5 per cent. of the 374 appeals decided in the past year by a single Judge of the High Court; and, of the whole number of third appeals determined in that year, in 68·9 per cent. the decision of the single Judge was confirmed, as compared with 74·5 per cent. in 1880.

	Disposed of.	
	1880.	1881.
Disposed of by a single Judge ...	434	374
Ditto by a bench of two Judges...	497	835
Total ...	931	1,209

The figures on the margin show a decrease in the number of appeals in suits valued at less than Rs. 50 decided by a single Judge of the Court, and a considerable increase in the number decided by Benches consisting of two Judges.

II.—Appeals from Courts in the interior.

Class of Appeals.	Brought before the Court.		Decided.	
	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
First appeals—				
From decrees ...	396	346	356	327
From orders ...	231	224	252	223
Second appeals—				
From decrees ...	2,566	2,351	2,245	2,617
From orders ...	128	134	142	134

Including cases coming from Assam and British Burma, the number of first and second appeals from the decrees and orders of the Civil Courts, brought before the High Court and decided in the past two years, is as shown in the margin. Of the first appeals brought before the Court in 1881, 44—and of those decided, 51—were appeals in contested probate cases.

The following statement shows the manner in which the appeals brought before the Court came upon the file:—

				Instituted.	Received by transfer.	On review of judgment.	Revived.
Appeals from ...	Original ...	Decrees	...	323	11	2	10
		Orders	...	220	...	1	3
	Appellate...	Decrees	...	2,334	...	8	9
		Orders	...	133	...	...	1

The number of appeals from Courts in the interior decided by the High Court was 3,301 in the past, as compared with 2,995 in the previous, year. This increase was only in respect of appeals from the appellate decrees of Lower Courts. As to the other classes of appeals from the interior, the number decided in 1881 was 684, or a decrease of 66 cases as compared with the number decided in 1880.

The increase in the number of appeals decided by the High Court in 1881 has effected a decrease in the pending files which have been reduced from 4,042 in 1880 to 3,796 in 1881.

The amount of the increase or decrease, as the case may be, in the pending files is shown in detail in the margin.

	Decrease.	Increase.
First appeals—		
From decrees	...	19
From orders	...	1
Second appeals—		
From decrees	266	...
From orders	...	...
Total .	266	20

The following statement shows in a more complete form the work which has come before the High Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction during each of the past four years. It will be observed that there was a slight decrease in the criminal business of the Court in 1881 as compared with 1880. But appeals under the Letters Patent are steadily increasing year by year :—

	Brought before the Court.				Decided.			
	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.
First appeals ... From decrees . .	309	366	396	346	437	289	356	327
First appeals ... „ orders . .	198	197	231	224	220	206	252	223
Second appeals .. From decrees . .	2,636	3,012	2,566	2,351	2,963	1,941	2,245	2,617
Second appeals .. „ order . .	139	104	128	134	132	100	142	134
Appeals under the Letters Patent . .	99	36	45	114	152	31	55	103
References to a Full Bench . . .	13	4	14	12	11	4	16	8
Applications for review . . .	59	45	33	75	61	45	33	75
References	19	24	38	28	21	22	37	25
Criminal cases	1,252	1,384	1,515	1,477	1,272	1,318	1,562	1,493

The following table shows the usual number of Judges at the commencement of each month during the last three years, excluding those on leave or deputation :—

	1879.				1880.				1881.			
	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.
January	5	6	1	12	5	6	...	11	4	5	1	10
February	5	6	1	12	5	6	...	11	5(a)	6(b)	1	12
March	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
April	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
May	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
June	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
July	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12	4(c)	5(d)	1	10
August	4	5	1	10	5	6	1	12	4	5	1	10
September	4	5	1	10	5	6	1	12	4	5	1	10
October	4	5	1	10	5	6	1	12	4	6(e)	1	11
November	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5(f)	6	1	12
December	4	6	...	10	4	5	1	10	5	6	1	12

(a) Mr. Justice Wilson resumed his seat as a Judge on the 8th January 1881 on return from privilege leave.
Mr. Justice Cunningham resumed his seat as a Judge on the 29th January 1881 on return from deputation as a member of the Famine Commission.
Mr. Justice White availed himself on the 29th January 1881 of furlough for one year.
Mr. Justice Broughton, an Acting Judge of the High Court, appointed to act during the absence on furlough of Mr. Justice White, took his seat on the 29th January 1881.
(b) Mr. Justice Tottenham resumed his seat as a Judge on the 22nd January 1881.
(c) Mr. Justice Pontifex availed himself on the 19th June 1881 of three months' privilege leave.
(d) Mr. Justice McDonell availed himself on the 1st July 1881 of privilege leave for three months.
(e) Mr. Justice McDonell resumed his seat as a Judge on the 15th September 1881.
(f) Mr. Justice Pontifix resumed his seat as a Judge on the reopening of the Court after the Dusserah vacation on the 21st November 1881.

The following statement shows the state of the files of the High Court from year to year since its constitution.

Number of appeals (Civil and Criminal) from the decisions of the Courts in the interior instituted in the years 1862 to 1881.

The figures for 1862 are those for half the year only.

Year.	First appeals.	Second appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Criminal appeals &c.	Year.	First appeals.	Second appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Criminal appeals &c.
1862 . .	359	1,666	180	781	1872 . .	290	1,985	347	1,518
1863 . .	595	3,659	361	798	1873 . .	327	3,024	405	1,438
1864 . .	485	3,728	495	868	1874 . .	348	3,225	535	1,370
1865 . .	417	3,633	715	1,040	1875 . .	329	2,966	400	1,159
1866 . .	460	3,438	854	1,121	1876 . .	367	2,945	413	1,210
1867 . .	382	3,466	665	1,396	1877 . .	343	2,658	363	1,107
1868 . .	273	3,334	557	1,095	1878 . .	302	2,621	337	1,248
1869 . .	285	3,047	558	1,214	1879 . .	358	3,001	297	1,271
1870 . .	296	2,731	492	1,296	1880 . .	354	2,490	356	1,406
1871 . .	287	1,397	365	1,294	1881 . .	334	2,334	353	1,424

Districts from which appeals came. *See Table V.*

Of the 334 appeals from original decrees instituted during the past year, 8 came from Assam and 1 from British Burma. Of the 325 appeals pertaining to the Lower Provinces of Bengal, the largest numbers came from the following districts, *viz.* :—

Tirhoot	44
Bhuagulpore	35
Patna	35
Sarun	25
24-Pergunnahs	22

and the smallest numbers came from Cuttack (1), and Beerbhoom, Burdwan, Sonthal Pergunnahs, Chittagong, Purneah, and Chota Nagpore (2 from each). In the other districts in the province the numbers varied from 3 to 16.

Appeals classed according to value.

The following statement exhibits separately for each province the value of appeals from original and appellate decrees instituted during the past year :—

	Appeals from Original Decrees.		Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	
	Valued at Rs. 10,000 and upwards.	Valued at less than Rs. 10,000.	Valued at more than Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 50 in value.
Lower Provinces of Bengal .	74	251	1,327	916
Assam	3	5	43	48
British Burma	...	1	...	...

It will be observed that of the appeals from original decrees, 77 (or 23 per cent.) were valued at Rs. 10,000 and upwards. Of the appeals against appellate decrees, 964 (or 41·3 per cent. of the whole) were of a value not exceeding Rs. 50.

The greatest number of these petty appeals came from the following districts, *viz.* :—

Bhaugulpore	134
Tirhoot	95
24-Pergunnahs	64
Hooghly	54
Patna	54
Furreedpore	52
Backergunge	52

The smallest numbers came from Noakhally (1), and Moorshedabad and Cachar (2 each).

The following table shows more in detail the value of appeals from the original and appellate decrees of the Courts in the interior, and of third appeals under the Letters Patent instituted during the year :—

Value.	Appeals from original decrees of Courts in the interior.	Appeals from appellate decrees of Courts in the interior.	Third appeals under the Letters Patent.
Not exceeding Rs. 10	.....	308	45
„ „ „ 50	4	665	68
„ „ „ 10	4	346	.....
„ „ „ 500	27	697	.....
„ „ „ 1,000	23	170	.....
„ „ „ 5,000	107	142	.....
„ „ „ 10,000	60	.....	.....
„ „ „ 1,00,000	62	.....	.....
Exceeding „ 1,00,000	.....	.....	.....
Value not denotable	44 (a)	6 (b)	.....
Total	334 (c)	2,334	113 (d)

(a) These are Will cases.
(b) These consist of 4 suits for measurement of land, 1 for mesne profits, and the remaining one for detention of wasilbakee paper.
(c) These figures include one appeal from Rangoon.
(d) Besides these, an appeal was preferred under the Letters Patent against an order of a Judge rejecting an application for leave to prefer an appeal to the Privy Council.

Result of Appeals. *See Table Z.*

Forty-nine appeals from original decrees, 581 appeals from appellate decrees, and 48 miscellaneous appeals, did not come to a hearing, having been either summarily rejected, dismissed in default, withdrawn, or compromised.

The details are as follows :—

	Appeals from original decrees.	Appeals from appellate decrees.	Miscellaneous appeals.
Summarily rejected		522	41
Dismissed in default	27	19	4
Withdrawn	4	19	2
Compromised	18	21	1

The result of appeal, as affecting the decisions of the Lower Courts in the cases decided on trial, is shown in the following table :—

	Appeals from original decrees	Appeals from appellate decrees.	Miscellaneous appeals.
Affirmed	161	1,470	218
Reversed	57	277	46
Varied	24	32	11
Remanded	36	257	34

The ratio of cases in which the decisions of the Lower Courts were reversed or varied was 29·1 per cent. in appeals from original decrees, 15·1 per cent. in appeals from appellate decrees, and 18·4 per cent. in miscellaneous appeals.

The following table shows the result of appeals decided by the High Court as affecting District and Subordinate Judges :—

	Affirmed.		Modified or reversed.	
	Judges.	Subordinate Judges.	Judges.	Subordinate Judges.
Appeals from original decrees	44	117	16	65
Appeals from appellate decrees	622	848	180	129
Miscellaneous appeals	120	98	29	28

The proportion of cases in which orders of remand were passed, or in which the Lower Court was directed to take further evidence, to the number decided by the High Court after a hearing, is given in the margin, and shows, on comparison with the figures for 1880, a considerable increase in respect of appeals from original decrees and miscellaneous appeals, and a slight decrease in respect of appeals from appellate decrees. Cases so dealt with amounted to 12·4 per cent. of the whole number in the past, as compared with 12·6 per cent. in the previous, year. These cases related principally to the districts of Patna, Bhaugulpore, Sarun, Jessore and Shahabad.

	Percentage.		
	1879.	1880.	1881.
Appeals from original decrees	4·27	7·86	12·95
Appeals from appellate decrees	11·9	14·4	12·6
Miscellaneous appeals	6·1	6·1	11·

The following statement shows the number of appeals to Her Majesty in Council filed in the High Court on the Appellate Side since the institution of the Court; the figures for 1862 are those for half the year:— Appeals to the Privy Council.

YEARS.	TOTAL NUMBER OF APPEALS FILED.				APPEALS STRUCK OFF, COMPROMISED, &c.				DESPATCHED TO ENGLAND.			
	In first appeals.		In second appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In first appeals.		In second appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In first appeals.		In second appeals.	Miscellaneous.
	Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs. 10,000.			Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs. 10,000.			Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs. 10,000.		
1862	9	3	3	...	2	3	3	..	7	...	...	...
1863	76	17	4	...	32	10	2	...	44	7	2	...
1864	98	22	10	1	49	16	9	1	49	6	1	...
1865	58	13	11	2	21	10	6	1	37	3	5	1
1866	47	12	7	5	16	7	4	3	31	5	3	2
1867	30	11	54	2	15	3	2	1	15	8	52	1
1868	40	15	9	5	16	8	7	1	24	7	2	4
1869	38	4	1	3	7	1	...	2	31	3	1	1
1870	29	13	4	10	5	7	2	7	24	6	2	3
1871	16	7	6	2	2	3	3	2	14	4	3	...
1872	11	8	6	6	2	5	5	6	9	3	1	...
1873	24	10	8	4	9	8	6	1	15	2	2	2
1874	28	15	17	11	7	9	14	10	21	6	3	1
1875	24	9	6	4	12	4	5	1	12	5	1	3
1876	19	21	6	5	13	11	2	4	5	12	4	1
1877	29	18	6	12	13	12	6	9	15	2	...	3
1878	28	6	11	10	12	5	10	4	16	1	1	2
1879	33	13	4	7	21	10	2	4	12	3	2	3
1880	22	10	5	8	13	6	2	3	5	...	2	...
1881	27	18	5	7	9	9	4	1	3	...	...	...
TOTAL	686	245	183	104	280	149	94	61	394	87	88	32

Of 1,218 cases filed in the past 19½ years, 584 were struck off, compromised, &c., and 601 were despatched to England. Thirty-three cases were pending preparation and despatch to England at the close of 1881.

The following table shows the result of appeals to the Privy Council in which the judgments on appeal have been received during the past six years.

Besides the cases here entered as disposed of in 1881, one appeal was dismissed for want of prosecution:—

Year.	Judgments received from Privy Council.	Decision of the Court affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.
1876	14	10	2	2	...
1877	11	7	...	3	1
1878	9	4	3	2	...
1879	22	12	8	2	...
1880	18	11	7	...	...
1881	15	12	1	1	1
Total	89	56	21	10	2

V.—APPELLATE COURTS UNDER THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals instituted. *See Table J.*

The number of appeals in regular suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the Local Courts during the past three years, was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1879	19,479	19,486	10,771
1880	19,529	17,559	13,113
1881	19,792	18,579	14,840

The above figures show a slight increase (263 cases) in the total number of appeals preferred during the past year as compared with 1880. Taking each district separately, the increase or decrease (as the case may be) was most marked in the districts noted on the margin. These results are mainly attributable to the fluctuation in the number of original suits; but the District Judge of Hooghly, in which district the number of appeals filed in 1881 was only 43 less than the number filed in 1880, reports that the people in the district are now beginning to understand that an appeal is a waste of money. "Formerly," he writes, "appeals were instituted almost as of course, either from sheer love of litigation and dependence upon the uncertainty of the law, or in order to stave off, if only for a time, execution of the decree of first instance. Now, however, that an appeal has to undergo the preliminary ordeal of a hearing under Section 551, C. C. P., which procedure is strictly administered, appeals are made, for the most part, only when there are good grounds for the making of them."

	Increase.	Decrease.
Midnapore	532	...
Tipperah	283	...
Backergunge	...	256
Bhaugulpore	...	237
Burdwan	...	118
Rungpore	115	...
Cuttack	...	108
Furreedpore	107	...
Dacca	105	...

The increase in Midnapore is explained by the institution by Government of a large number of rent-suits in this district; in the great majority of these, appeals were lodged against the orders of the Lower Court.

The number of appeals decided in the past year was considerably in excess of the number decided in the previous year; but it did not cover the influx. As a necessary consequence, the accumulation on the pending files has increased by 1,697 cases. This increase was most conspicuous in the following districts:—

	Increase.
Midnapore	552
Shahabad	478
Chittagong	376
Mymensingh	336
Tirhoot	216

The files at Hooghly were, on the other hand, reduced by 271, and those of Gya by 236 cases.

From the figures given in Table K it will be observed that the number of decisions in Courts in the interior, in which an appeal lay to the District Court, in the past year, was 77,985, as compared with 74,826 in 1880. The ratio of appeals to decisions was, therefore, 25·2 per cent., as compared with 26·09 per cent. for the previous year. The percentage was highest in the districts named on the margin. It will be observed that the relative position of Patna, Sarun and Tirhoot in the past year was exactly the same as in 1880. Ratio of appeals to decisions. *See Table K.*

	Percentage.
Patna	55·26
Sarun	47·40
Gya	43·57
Shahabad	42·94
Tirhoot	38·15

The following figures shew for each of the two past years the number of appeals filed under each of the three chief classes :— Appeals classed. *See Table L.*

	In suits for money or moveables.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.
1880	3,769	8,387	7,373
1881	3,625	8,564	7,603

The increase in the institution of appeals was, therefore, entirely in respect of appeals in suits under the rent law and in "Title and other suits."

The value of appeals of each of these three classes instituted in 1880 and 1881 is shewn in the following statement :— Appeals valued. *See Table M.*

	In suits for money or moveables.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1880	6,61,078	5,83,555	15,33,638
1881	6,62,881	6,40,389	14,14,793

The total value of appeals filed was thus Rs. 27,18,063 in 1881, as compared with Rs. 27,78,271 in 1880, shewing a decrease of Rs. 60,208, wholly in respect of appeals in "Title and other suits."

The following table gives details of the value of appeals filed in the past year in the Civil Courts :—

Scale of Values.	Number of Appeals. In suits for money or moveables.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.	Total.
Not exceeding Rs. 10	162	2,127	1,024	3,313
„ „ „ 50	1,081	3,579	2,809	7,469
„ „ „ 100	914	1,279	1,279	3,502
„ „ „ 500	1,162	1,364	1,799	4,325
„ „ „ 1,000	195	138	286	619
„ „ „ 5,000	81	60	340	481
Value not stated	...	17	66	83
Total	3,625	8,564	7,603	19,792

Out of 19,792 appeals, the District and Subordinate Judges were both competent to try 19,311 or 97·6 per cent. In the remainder, *i. e.*, 481 cases, or in 2·4 per cent., the appeal lay only to the District Judge, the Court of first instance being the Subordinate Judge. In 18,579 appeals a second appeal lay to the High Court, under the provisions, either of Section 102 of the Rent Law, or of Section 584 of the Code of Civil Procedure. But in many of these cases no second appeal could be preferred, as the decisions dealt merely with matters of fact.

Appeals how disposed of. *See Table N.*

The following statement shows the result of appeals in the past two years as affecting the decisions of the Lower Courts :—

	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.
1880	10,402	1,760	3,708	597	1,092
1881	11,003	1,913	3,594	638	1,431

There was accordingly an increase under each head, with the exception of the head "Reversed." The proportion of cases, in which the orders of the Courts of first instance were upheld, was almost similar to that obtained in 1880, being a little over 59 per cent.

The following comparative table shows the percentage of decisions confirmed, modified, &c., during the past three years :—

	1879.	1880.	1881.
Confirmed	61·86	59·24	59·22
Modified	9·05	10·02	10·29
Reversed	20·02	21·11	19·34
Remanded	3·36	3·34	3·43

The proportion of cases, in which the decision of the first Court was upheld, was favourable in Purneah, where it was nearly 75 per cent.; in Moorshedabad and Dinagepore, where it was nearly 70 per cent.; and in the 24-Pergunnahs, Dacca and Gya, where it was a little over 65 per cent. The proportion was very small in Patna (37·6 per cent.), and Rajshahye (42·6 per cent.)

Appeals in miscellaneous cases. *See Table O.*

The number of appeals in miscellaneous cases instituted, disposed of and pending during the past two years was as follows :—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1880	1,193	1,429	472
1881	1,143	1,248	388

There was thus a sight decrease in the number of appeals of this class instituted in 1881. This decrease was most striking in the districts of Chittagong, Patna and the 24-Pergunnahs. On the other hand, there was a considerable increase (107) in Tirhoot. This increase is attributed to the fact that a large number of analogous appeals, relating to determination of mesne profits in execution of decrees, was filed during 1881.

VI—GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.

Work done by District Judges. *See Table P1.*

The following table shows the work done by District Judges during the past four years :—

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1878 . . .	4,284	2,742	130	8,670	8,025	1,435	1,410	2,801
1879 . . .	4,229	2,972	231	6,733	7,529	1,205	1,404	2,770
1880 . . .	3,994	3,179	251	6,889	7,775	1,289	1,573	3,194
1881 . . .	4,344	3,020	298	6,649	7,606	1,185	1,476	3,404

There was a slight diminution in the number of Sessions trials held in the past year; but the number of criminal appeals decided during that period is considerably in excess of the number decided in 1880. On the civil side there was a decrease in the amount of appellate work dealt with by District Judges; who, on the other hand, disposed of a larger number of original suits. The amount of civil work done by the District Judge of Gya was less in 1881 than in 1880; but this was owing, as pointed out elsewhere, to the trial of the Ticcari Raj case, which occupied a great deal of the Judge's time.

There was a slight variation in the number of District and Sessions Judges in the course of the year under report. The districts of East and West Burdwan, which were amalgamated in 1880, were again disintegrated in 1881; they are now, respectively, called the districts of Burdwan and Bankura. The Additional Judge, who was employed in 1880 in the former district, has now been appointed District and Assistant Sessions Judge of Bankura.

The following statement shows the amount of work, civil and criminal, done by Additional Judges during the past four years :—

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1878 . . .	463	300	13	491	688	74	252	184
1879 . . .	401	311	8	491	639	115	278	41
1880 . . .	275	198	6	154	517	74	133	...
1881 . . .	248	165	...	107	507	36	139	59

The decrease in the amount of work done by Additional Judges is mainly due to the abolition during 1880 of the Additional Judgeship of Chittagong, and to the appointment of the Additional Judge of Burdwan to the District Judgeship of Bankura.

The amount of work done by Subordinate Judges during the past four years was as follows:— Work done by Subordinate Judges. *See Table P3.*

	Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Appeals.	
			Regular.	Miscellaneous.
1878	5,889	12,211	1,0748	59
1879	5,783	7,924	11,318	88
1880	5,147	7,427	9,267	65
1881	5,113	6,128	10,466	27

The miscellaneous appeals were heard by the Deputy Commissioners, who are also Subordinate Judges in Chota Nagpore.

In Cuttack the Subordinate Judge is vested with the powers of a Munsif, and under these powers he disposed of only one case. The Subordinate Judge of Dinagepore holds similar powers in that district, and the work dealt with by him in this capacity is exhibited separately in Table P4. In Purneah the Subordinate Judge is vested with the powers of a Judge of a Small Cause Court for the trial of cases cognizable by such Courts to the limit of Rs. 50 in value. There were 37 Subordinate Judges (inclusive of Deputy Commissioners) and 13 Small Cause Court Judges vested with the powers of a Subordinate Judge employed at the close of 1881. At the close of 1880 there were employed 33* of the former class of officers and 12 of the latter. The

* The Deputy Commissioner of Julpigoree was incorrectly omitted from the return for 1880.

five Additional Subordinate Judges employed at the close of 1881 were attached to the districts of Hooghly, Burdwan, Shahabad, Rungpore and Hazareebagh.

Work done by Munsifs. *See Table P4.*

The following figures show the number of suits and miscellaneous cases disposed of by Munsifs during the past three years—

	Suits under ordinary procedure.		Under Small Cause Court procedure.		Total.	Miscellaneous Cases.
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.		
1879 . . .	73,928	197,698	5,827	28,910	306,363	171,255
1880 . . .	77,055	207,183	6,084	31,730	322,052	179,411
1881 . . .	79,117	203,006	7,345	39,993	329,461	148,958

The number of Munsifs employed at the close of 1881 was 5 more than at the close of 1880. Besides the ordinary Munsifs employed at the close of the past year, there were 3 Assistant Commissioners of Chota Nagpore vested with the powers of a Munsif, and 4 Covenanted Civil Servants, who, under the scheme referred to in the beginning of this Report, were vested with similar powers. Of the latter, only 3 exercised these special powers during the year, and the amount of work done by them is given below :—

	Original suits disposed of.	
	With contest.	Without contest.
Joint Magistrate of Burdwan	2	19
„ „ Dinagepore	1	5
„ „ Backergunge	...	1
	3	25
Total .	28	

The following Munsifs disposed of the largest number of original suits and contested cases during the past year :—

	Suits.			Contested cases.
1st Munsif of Midnapore . .	4,279	2nd Munsif	of Nemal . . .	2,200
„ of Khoolneah . .	3,592	„	of Tajpore . . .	984
„ of Jungipore . .	3,538	„	of Kissengunge . .	891
„ of Moonsheegunge .	3,423	„	of Khoolneah . .	879
2nd „ of Bhanga . . .	3,345	3rd „	of Patna . . .	875
„ of Chandpore . .	3,381	„	of Jungipore . .	865
„ of Modheypoora . .	3,194	„	of Chandpore . .	810
1st „ of Cuttack . . .	3,092	„	of Jhenidah . . .	799

This statement is, however, of little practical value; for it does not at all follow that an officer whose numerical outturn of work is large was really burdened with more work than his fellows. A number of analogous cases, all disposed of in one judgment, would contribute to swell the total opposite his name.

Receipts and Charges of the Civil Courts. *See Tables R. & S.*

Including the High Court and the Presidency Small Cause Court, the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts in the past year were as shown in the margin. The general financial result is a surplus of Rs. 27,70,549.

	Rs.
Receipts	71,23,556
Charges	43,53,007
	27,70,549

Taking the Courts at the Presidency separately, there is an excess of charges over receipts amounting to Rs. 2,12,921. The details are as follows :— Courts at the Presidency.

Receipts.		Rs.	*Charges.*		Rs.
In stamps	Process fees	2,76,683	Salaries of Judicial Officers		5,93,167
	Other fees	6,19,108	Establishment — Process-servers		6,056
In cash	Fines	87	Establishment — Others		4,68,739
	Other receipts	61,529	Contingencies and Refunds		1,02,366
	TOTAL	9,57,407	TOTAL		11,70,328

Courts in the interior.

	Rs.
Receipts	61,66,149
Charges	31,82,679
	29,83,470

Taking the Civil Courts in the interior separately, the nett financial result for the past year was a surplus of Rs. 29,83,470, as shown in the margin.

Deducting the charges on account of process-servers, who are paid by regular salaries amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 6,10,077 for 1881, the account for the last three years may be thus stated :—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1879	55,27,938	23,43,172	31,84,766
1880	56,00,975	23,93,616	32,07,359
1881	55,56,072	25,72,602	29,83,470

It thus appears that the surplus of 1881 fell short of that of 1880 by Rs. 2,23,889. This falling-off is attributable mainly to the great diminution in the number of "title and other suits" instituted in the past year, and in the value of the property involved in such suits.

The following statement gives, separately and in detail, the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts in the interior in the past year :—

Receipts.		Rs.	*Charges.*		Rs.
			Salaries of Judicial Officers		15,70,941
In stamps	Process fees	16,48,968	Establishment — Process-servers		6,10,077
	Other fees	41,15,528	Establishment — Salaried copying and comparing clerks		11,461
In cash or special stamps.	Fines	11,027	Establishment — Others		7,16,037
	Copying and comparing fees	3,03,857	Contingencies — Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment		1,54,361
	Other receipts	86,769	Contingencies — Other contingencies and refunds		1,19,802
	TOTAL	61,66,149	TOTAL		31,82,679

Deducting the cost of process-servers and of copying and comparing clerks (inclusive of the copyists not on the fixed establishment), the nett receipts from

stamps amounted to Rs. 52,92,454. Under the head of process-fees separately, the nett gain to Government in the past year was Rs. 10,38,891, as compared with Rs. 10,81,323 gained in the previous year.

The following figures show the results, during the past year, of the system of preparing copies, introduced in 1880:—

		Rs.
Copying and comparing fees realized by special stamps . . .		3,03,857
DEDUCT—		
Salary of copying and comparing clerks on the fixed establishment	11,461	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment .	1,54,361	
		1,65,822
Surplus		1,38,035

Besides this surplus, amounting to Rs. 1,38,035, "expedition fees" were, in many cases, realized from parties desirous of having their copies prepared on the day on which application for them was made. These receipts are now treated in the accounts as "Miscellaneous Receipts."

The following statement shews the receipts and charges of the several grades of Courts in the past year, and the surplus or deficit which has resulted:—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Results, plus or minus.
Courts in the interior.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Small Cause Courts	4,41,735	2,17,682	+2,24,053
Munsifs' Courts	39,04,691	14,87,965	+24,16,726
Subordinate Judges' Courts	9,92,013	4,30,874	+5,61,139
District and Additional Judges' Courts . .	8,27,710	10,46,158	—2,18,448
Courts at the Presidency.			
Small Cause Courts	2,80,210	2,01,873	+ 78,337
High Courts (Original and Appellate) . .	6,77,197	9,68,455	—2,91,258

As in 1880, the receipts have largely exceeded the expenditure in every grade of Court in the mofussil, except in the Courts of District Judges. It does not, however, follow that a District Judge's Court is a source of pure loss to Government. Very few original suits are filed in his Court; as, under the law at present in force, such suits require to be instituted in the Court of the lowest grade competent to hear them. They are, therefore, instituted in the Courts of Subordinate Judges, and to their credit is shown the amount realized by Court fees, &c., although, ultimately, the cases themselves may be decided by the District Judges.

The results of the past year, as compared with those obtained in 1880, were not so favourable in any Court, except in the Courts of Small Causes in the mofussil and at the Presidency; the surplus obtained by the mofussil Small Cause Courts being Rs. 12,625, and that by the Presidency Small Cause Court Rs. 6,429, in excess of the surplus obtained in 1880. On the Appellate side of the High Court there was a deficit of Rs. 28,086 in excess of that of the previous year. In the Original side of the High Court the receipts exceeded the expenditure by Rs. 1,77,843 in the past, as compared with Rs. 1,68,773 in the previous, year.

Probates, &c. *See Table T.*

As fees on probate and letters of administration, Rs. 3,16,134 were realized in the past, as compared with Rs. 2,95,485 in the previous, year. The amount levied in the District Courts was Rs. 91,870 in 1881, as compared with Rs. 1,22,318 in 1880. In the High Court, omitting cases in which the assets were exclusively in the Province of Assam, the amount of duty realized was Rs. 2,24,264, as compared with Rs. 1,73,167 in 1880.

The sums here exhibited are treated in account as receipts of the Civil Courts. Deducting these, the surplus or nett revenue realized from such Courts was, in the past year, Rs. 24,54,415.

The receipts and disbursements on account of Civil Court Ameens, during 1880 and 1881, were as follows:— Civil Courts Ameens. *See Table U.*

		Receipts.	Disbursements.
		Rs.	Rs.
1880	Permanent Ameens	35,167	34,585
	Temporary „	2,717	2,651
1881	Permanent Ameens	33,397	34,167
	Temporary „	4,501	4,029

The result for the past year was a loss to Government of Rs. 298, as compared with a surplus of Rs. 648 in 1880. The districts where the receipts fell considerably short of the expenditure were Rungpore, Chota Nagpore, Shahabad, Beerbhoom and Chittagong. In Chota Nagpore, however, this result was mainly due to the fact that, while the receipts on account of the employment of ameens by the Revenue Courts were debited to the Revenue Department, the portion of their salary for the time thus occupied was debited to the Civil Department. On the recommendation of the Court, instructions have been issued by Government directing all officers in the Revenue Department who may employ Civil Court ameens to pay into the Civil Courts the fees chargeable on their account.

The number of cases in which local investigations were held and completed last year was 1,430. The number held and completed in 1880 was 1,670. The decrease in the past year was in respect of cases of all values, except cases where the value of the property in litigation varied between Rs. 5 and Rs. 20. The number of investigations held in the latter class of cases rose from 194 in 1880 to 209 in 1881. Local investigations. *See Table V.*

The average value involved in the suits in which the investigation was made was Rs. 859·9, and the average cost Rs. 33. The corresponding figures for 1880 were Rs. 759·4 and Rs. 30, respectively.

The following statement exhibits the number of applications for a declaration of insolvency filed, disposed of and pending in 1880 and 1881:— Proceedings in Insolvency. *See Table W.*

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1880	275	256	63
1881	319	298	84

It will be observed that applications for insolvency are increasing steadily year by year. The increase last year was, however, not so great as it was in 1880, when the number filed exceeded by 89 the number filed in 1879. Such applications were most numerous in the following districts:—

	Filed in 1880.	Filed in 1881.
24-Pergunnahs	21	35
Patna	26	26
Hooghly	22	22
Dacca	23	21
Midnapore	17	18

The districts in which applications were least numerous were as follows:—

	Filed in 1880.	Filed in 1881.
Purneah	5	2
Cuttack	4	4
Furreedpore	4	4
Shahabad	5	4
Rajshahye	3	5
Rungpore	11	5
Chota Nagpore	5	6

No decree-holder availed himself, during 1881, of the provisions of Section 344, Act X of 1877, as amended by Section 59 of Act XII of 1879, under which he could apply that his judgment-debtor be declared an insolvent.

The provisions of Chapter XX of the Code of Civil Procedure, which relate to insolvency, have for some time been under the consideration of the Court. In the report for 1880 the Judges proposed to review the law in this respect at the close of the year now under report. District officers were accordingly requested to communicate their views on the subject when submitting their usual annual reports for the year. The following extracts will show in what manner the provisions of this chapter of the Code have been applied in the several districts named :—

Backergunge.—"The insolvency provisions are, there is reason to think, unsuited to Eastern Bengal, especially to this part of it.

"The ryots are a well-to-do class owing to the immense sums of money poured into this quarter, for about six years past, to purchase rice.

"In other parts of India the scheme may be beneficial.

"Here hardly a single person can be found who is *bonâ fide* an insolvent; and if there be any such, he is probably too poor to avail himself of the machinery of the District Court.

"Again, a Bengali decree-holder is too sage to throw good money after bad, or to try to draw blood from a stone; hence the really poor man is seldom forced into the Insolvent Court.

"In about four years' experience of the Insolvency Chapter I have usually found that the persons availing themselves of the procedure are only judgment-debtors who desire to defeat their judgment-creditors."

Beerbhoom.—"As the practice at present prevails, a full fee is charged for notice to each and every judgment-debtor in an execution case. This charge undoubtedly falls heavily upon judgment-debtors who have ultimately to pay it. The case operates with greater hardship on an applicant for insolvency, a full fee being levied from him for a notice to each creditor. I am perfectly aware that, generally speaking, the creditors live at distances from each other, and that, in consideration of such fact, separate fees are charged; but it appears to me that this is hardly a sufficient ground for the imposition of separate fees, more especially as there is a large surplus, after defraying the expenses, connected with the working of the Process-serving Establishment; and I think some concession might with advantage be made in the interests of both judgment-debtors and insolvents; and I would suggest that the rules as to the rates of fees charged for summons to defendants be extended to these notices."

Bhaugulpore.—"The applications under this Chapter are few; and it generally happens that, shortly after they are made, the applicant is set at liberty without any further interference. As pointed out in my last year's report, the fees required from the alleged insolvent for the service of notices upon his creditors should be removed or reduced. When the man is really insolvent, he often has difficulty in getting the money to meet those fees."

Burdwan.—"As very few judgment-debtors are declared insolvent under the present law, it does little injury to decree-holders, and I see no necessity for amending it."

Bankura.—"There were 9 applications for insolvency during the year, of which 2 were refused and 5 allowed. There was no application made before arrest. I doubt whether the people are aware that such applications can be made the moment an order for attachment of property is made.

"I consider it will be better to change the law on the subject, so as to enable the Court executing the decree to deal with such applications, with an appeal to the District Court."

Chittagong.—"Nine applications have been made during the past year, against 7 in the previous year. Of 8 applications disposed of, 1 was withdrawn, 3 were granted and 4 rejected. The number of cases appears too small to support any conclusion as to the probable working of the Act in future. My impression is that the provisions of the law have not been invoked by persons able to discharge their obligations; but in the majority of the cases, namely, 4 out of 7, it seemed to me that the applicants had acted in bad faith, in endeavouring to save from surrender a portion of what they had. There have been, however, no cases so glaring as to call for a prosecution.

"The aggregate amount of property surrendered has been extremely small, averaging 26 Rupees only for each person declared insolvent."

Dacca.—"I have nothing very special to report about the working of Chapter XX of Act X of 1877 during the past year. The number of applications to be declared insolvent was the same in 1881 as in 1880, *viz.*, 21.

"A few of these applications have been fraudulent. In particular, an Armenian gentleman, who is well known to have made over his property *benami* to his sons, on being arrested at the instance of one of his creditors, at once applied to be declared an insolvent. But his object was, apparently, only to gain time to make an arrangement with his creditors; for he soon satisfied the decree against him, which was for upwards of Rs. 7,000; and then he withdrew his application to be declared an insolvent. I passed a sentence of imprisonment on 1 applicant for insolvency, as he was found to have made over his house *benami* to his daughter. But he has absconded and evaded arrest up to date.

"The provisions of Chapter XX of Act X of 1877 are not more generally availed of, because they give the debtor only freedom from personal arrest. They do not free him and his property from all further demands. If this were the case, the number of applications for insolvency would be very much greater. At present for the most part only judgment-debtors who have been arrested at the instance of their creditors, and who have really no property, apply to be declared insolvents. For these, the provisions of Chapter XX of Act X are no doubt a great boon. Dacca is no doubt a considerable commercial centre; but nevertheless the time has not yet come, I think, for extending the provisions of the English Insolvency Act to the mofussil."

Hooghly.—"There were presented during the year under review 22 applications for declaration of insolvency under Chapter XX of the Civil Procedure Code; 13 were remaining over from the year previous; so there were altogether 35 under trial during the year. Eight of these were withdrawn, or otherwise not prosecuted; 6 were granted; and 2 rejected without penal proceedings being taken against the applicants; leaving 19 pending adjudication at the close of the year. None of the persons declared to be insolvents had property enough to require the services of receivers; in fact, most had little or nothing. Those who possessed property compounded with their creditors and withdrew their petitions. Two of the 6 declared to be insolvents were Europeans or Eurasians. There is, of course, a tendency on the part of fraudulent debtors to take advantage of this procedure in order to free themselves of their liabilities. In very few cases, I am convinced, is a true schedule of property given. It is, however, difficult to prove that property has been concealed. Cases under this procedure are some of the most unsatisfactory that a Judge has to try."

Midnapore.—"I think that Chapter XX of the Civil Procedure Code is unsuited to the mofussil. I think that Section 344, which requires all applications in insolvency to be made in the District Court, causes difficulties which well might be avoided. In the District Court pleaders' fees are higher and process-fees are double of those in the Munsifs' Courts. I have rarely met with an instance of an insolvent's estate more than meeting the costs of the issue of notices and other charges. The collected returns printed in the High Court Civil Administration Reports show that very few applications under Chapter XX are made in any part of the mofussil. I am not in possession of the reasons which induced the Legislature to substitute Chapter XX of Act X of 1877 for the procedure laid down in sections 280-281 of Act VIII of 1859. I think that it would be better to revert to that procedure; but, if it is considered advisable to retain Chapter XX of Act X of 1877, it would be well to give Munsifs jurisdiction in all cases where the sum of the debts of the petitioner does not exceed Rs. 1,000."

Moorshedabad.—"There has been no instance of an application by a creditor, presumably because they see no advantage.

"In 1881 there were 12 applications by debtors: 7 in consequence of arrest, and 5 in consequence of attachment. In all, the debts were below Rs. 1,000, except in 2 cases.

"Practically, the feeling of creditors is against imprisonment, except where it is believed the debtor has concealed property. I may remark, however, that the difficulties thrown in the way of creditors by the orders requiring affidavits, search, and so on, have, I think, increased proceedings by arrest rather than attachment in the case of debtors of small means.

"There are two classes of cases,—those in which a receiver is appointed and those in which no receiver is appointed. The provisions, as they stand, seem too limited, and don't work practically. For instance, in case the insolvent, after appointment of a receiver, plays tricks, there is no clear procedure to enforce the receiver's proceedings, and remunerate him for his work.

"Where there is no receiver, the Court after the discharge order has no summary power to take possession or compel delivery of the property offered in the application, and cannot apply the assets to the benefit of creditors equally. The actual result in the past year is that, subsequent to the discharge order, there have been no further proceedings, the scheduled assets remaining with the insolvent.

"In one case only, out of the total 12, a receiver was appointed, and in that he realized about Rs. 2,000 and was paid 5 per cent.

"Parties cannot obtain relief to the extent afforded by the Presidency Town Insolvency Act, and, therefore, in important cases, try to apply under that.

"In point of fact, the mufussil District Court effectively can only grant or refuse protection. It is found usually best to stop there, because, even in case of proof under Section 359, of which I have not seen any indubitable instance, a sentence of imprisonment at once defeats the arresting creditor.

"In one case of this nature, where the Court abstained from proceeding, the debtor satisfied the debt rather than go back to jail.

"The provisions of the law require to be enlarged so as to give complete powers. But first the question of abolition of imprisonment for debt must be decided, because, if it be abolished, any provisions in insolvency in the mofussil will be useless.

"Experience hitherto indicates that, in a district of this character, insolvency procedure is not much called for, because creditors and *bonâ fide* debtors don't work such provisions as exist."

Mymensingh.—"The provisions of Chapter XX of the Civil Procedure Code are salutary. They are an improvement on the provisions contained in Act VIII of 1859, and allow the

creditors a fair chance of realizing a portion of their dues by disposing of their debtor's property rateably. The increase, from seven cases in 1880 to ten in 1881, seems to show a growing inclination on the part of the public to avail themselves of the present provisions.

"In one respect the provisions of Act VIII appear to me better than those of the present law. They empowered the Court executing the decree to receive applications from judgment-debtors for their discharge; whereas now all applications must be made to the District Court.

"Poor debtors find a difficulty in paying notice fees when there are several creditors.

"I do not think the imprisonment provisions of the present law are ever unduly pressed against debtors. They are of great utility in compelling persons, who can pay but won't, and whose natural dishonesty would otherwise materially interfere with ordinary trade transactions in the interior of Bengal.

"Only four applications for the declaration of insolvency, out of the 11 that were in the file, were granted during the course of last year. In one of these four cases the property was sold by auction and fetched Rs. 10-8, which is now in deposit. The liabilities amounted to Rs. 1,540-14 to nine creditors. The property in the remaining three cases is similarly of small value, and will not yield much to the creditors."

Nuddea.—"Most of the cases" [disposed of during the year] "were tried by the officers acting for me in my absence. From my own experience, I am inclined to think that such applications are not generally *bonâ fide*, and that they require most careful watching by the Court."

Patna.—"I have little to add to my remarks of last year. I still consider that the procedure is unsatisfactory. Applications are only made by judgment-debtors; and their sole object seems to be to be released from jail. They never put property of any value at the disposal of the Court; and yet the Court can seldom feel satisfied that the statements in the application are substantially true, and that the petitioner is entitled to his discharge. I do not think that the law can remain in its present state. Either the jurisdiction of the other Courts should be extended, so that each Court can deal with its own judgment-debtor, or the Judge's power should be increased, so that he can deal with all cases of insolvency, and not only with judgment-debtors'. When the insolvent is a judgment-debtor I think that the Court which passed the decree, and granted execution, is best qualified to decide if his application for discharge should be granted. The District Judge knows less about the facts, and the machinery of his Court is more expensive. The fees for processes are higher; and if the Lower Court was a Munsif's Court, and only second grade pleaders were employed, then the parties have to engage new pleaders.

"On the other hand, traders and others, who wish to be declared insolvent, but against whom decrees have not passed, have still to go down to Calcutta. Thus, when an European merchant, who had resided here for years, and carried on business in Patna, failed last year, he went secretly to Calcutta, and hid there for some weeks till he acquired a residence and could apply to the High Court. He got his discharge there; but the proceedings must have been much more expensive to the estate than if they had been conducted here. I have not found any instance yet of traders or shop-keepers taking advantage of Chapter XX from honest motives.

"Section 336 seems to me calculated to paralyse the action of the Lower Courts; for under it they must release a judgment-debtor who says he will apply to be made an insolvent, and can furnish security for his appearance.

"Many a man, who used to pay up rather than go to jail, now does not do so; as, by saying that he is going to apply, &c., he gets a month's respite. The evil, too, is that, under the present law and rules of the High Court, the realization of decrees by the attachment and sale of property, moveable or immoveable, is so slow, expensive and uncertain, that decree-holders are driven to make more use of the power of arrest than formerly. Act X of 1877, by its tenderness for debtors' property, has led to the filling of our civil jails; for more men are now arrested and imprisoned than used to be the case. If the working of the insolvency law, and the Notification* of Government under Section 336, render this last resource of the decree-holder ineffectual, and if he be not indemnified by additional facilities under the attachment and sale sections, his chances of getting his money will be very small indeed."

* *Vide Calcutta Gazette* of the 6th August 1879, Part I, page 809.

Purneah.—"The sections of the Code dealing with such matters are but ill-suited to the cases which arise in outlying Districts like Purneah. Applications under them are only made to avoid incarceration; and, as a rule, the applicant professes not to have money enough of his own to pay for the issue of notices on his creditors. Further, cases are so few, and the amount realized is so small, that it is impossible to find a receiver (other than a paid officer of the Court) willing to administer an insolvent's estate for the remuneration allowed under the amended Section 356 of the Civil Procedure Code."

Rajshahye.—"Chapter XX of Act X of 1877, relating to insolvency, has hardly been used by the people, either in this district or in the district of Maldah. During the year 1881 only 5 cases were instituted; and out of these, 3 cases were compromised, one case only was decided on its merits, and the case shown as pending at the end of the year has since been struck off for default on the part of the insolvent to appear."

Sarun.—"I have again to report that the provisions of the law relating to insolvency have not worked satisfactorily in the district; 8 applications were filed during the year, all of which were rejected. There was no *bonâ fide* endeavour to effect among the creditors, through

the Court, a division of the whole of the property remaining in the hands of the judgment-debtor. As a rule, the schedules of property attached to insolvency applications contain an ostentatiously minute list of cooking utensils, of clothes and similar rubbish; but there is no mention of any property which would be worth putting at the disposal of the Court. No applications were made by any of the creditors, under Section 359, Act X of 1877, for the punishment of the applicants; and no case occurred that appeared to me sufficiently bad to justify me in sending the applicant to the Magistrate. I venture to think it unnecessary and inexpedient that it should be suggested to every judgment-debtor, arrested in execution of a money decree, that he should apply to be declared an insolvent under the proviso to Section 336, Act X, 1877; and that he should be at once released on security on expressing his intention of doing so. In many cases, when he has once obtained his temporary release, he has got all that he wants for the time, and his subsequent application to be declared an insolvent is a mere matter of form; or, if it is anything more, it is made with the object of defrauding his creditors."

Tipperah.—"It would, I think, be well if all Munsifs were vested with the powers of a District Judge in insolvency matters (Section 360 of the Civil Procedure Code). If a Munsif is capable of trying and passing a decree in a suit, it seems to follow that he is also capable of adjudicating the judgment-debtor an insolvent. These proceedings are generally of the simplest and pettiest nature, and the time of a highly paid officer like the District Judge ought not to be taken up with them. The petitioner has hardly any property to place at the disposal of the Court, the schedule generally assigning a few annas only to each creditor. I think each Court of every grade ought to have insolvency jurisdiction in every case, when the decree giving rise to the application has been passed by such Court.

"Considering the petty nature of most of the insolvency cases, the fees for notices to creditors are too high; if Munsifs were vested with powers under Section 360, the cost of such notices would be reduced to a more equitable scale."

Tirhoot.—"Only 18 applications under this Chapter came before the District Judge during the year under review. Of these, 5 were not prosecuted, 7 were granted, 2 were refused and 4 were pending at the close of the year. In 6 out of the 7 applications granted, the applicants were found to have no property at all beyond absolute necessaries; and, in one case, the applicant had only a share in a small house, which was sold for the sum of Rs. 5-8. In all these 7 cases, the Judge found that the applications were *bonâ fide*, and that the applicants, either through illness, misfortune or other causes, had become involved in debt which they had no means to pay. In 3 out of the 4 cases pending at the close of the year, the applicants have since been declared insolvents, and discharged as having no property. In 2 applications which were rejected, I found that they were not *bonâ fide*, and that there were good grounds for thinking that the applicants were attempting to conceal their property, with a view to defraud their creditors. In 1880, 2 young men (brothers) of Mozufferpore applied to be declared insolvents, who, the evidence clearly showed, had recklessly borrowed money, without any prospect of paying it, for purposes of debauchery and dissipation, and their applications were, therefore, rejected.

"It thus appears that the number of applications under chapter XX is small, and that they are filed mostly by persons who are absolute paupers. In only one case, in which the value of the property was insignificant, was a receiver appointed; and no application has yet been made by a decree-holder under para. 2 of Section 344. The fact that the provisions of the law, being new, are not yet fully understood and appreciated by the majority of the people, may account for the small number of applications hitherto filed; and the fact that, in the majority of execution cases, the judgment-debtors possess property of some kind or other which can be attached and sold, may account for most of the applications being made by judgment-debtors who possess no property at all. That the introduction of the insolvency law into the mofussil is a move in the right direction, I see no reason to doubt; as it affords a safe protection from imprisonment for debt to honest judgment-debtors who have no intention of defrauding their creditors; and as regards attempts on the part of dishonest judgment-debtors to obtain relief under the law, the procedure prescribed is, I think, sufficiently stringent to frustrate them. The provisions of the law might be extended to all judgment-debtors, whether they have been arrested, or whether their property has been attached in execution, or not, although this extension would probably greatly increase the work of the District Judges."

Chota Nagpore—"The insolvency sections of the Code of Civil Procedure have been made use of to such a very limited extent, in the districts of this division, that it is hardly possible as yet to form any opinion on their working.

"During the year 1880 there were only 5 applications, appertaining to two out of the four districts, and 3 of these were rejected, while two were not proceeded with. And in the year under review it appears that there have been 6 such applications, appertaining to 2 districts, of which one was not proceeded with, 4 are shown as still pending, and one person as imprisoned under Section 359.

"The mass of the litigants in this part of the country are, I think, hardly yet acquainted with the provisions of the law in this respect; and, besides this, the operation of the Chota Nagpore Encumbered Estates Act probably accounts, in some measure, for the paucity of insolvency applications, inasmuch as the holders of all estates taken under this Act are protected from arrest."

On a consideration of the reports on this subject, which have been received from the various District Judges in Bengal, the Court is not inclined to relax

any existing rules in favour of applicants in proceedings under the provisions of the Code which relate to insolvency.

The applications are very few in number; the majority of them are made with dishonest motives; and, in the opinion of the Judges, it would not be desirable to do anything to facilitate the endeavours of debtors, whose chief desire is to defraud their creditors.

Applications how disposed of.

Of the total number of applications before the Courts in the past year, 112 were granted, 85 were refused, 101 were not prosecuted, and 84 were pending at the close of the year.

Of the 112 applications which were granted, a receiver was appointed in 9 cases. In 9 of the 85 applications rejected, sentences of imprisonment were passed under Section 359 of the Code of Civil Procedure. In no case was an applicant sent to a Magistrate to be dealt with according to law.

Number of persons declared to be insolvent, discharged and pending.

See Table W. I.

The number of persons declared to be insolvents, the number who obtained their discharge, and the number who remained undischarged during each of the years 1880 and 1881, are given below:—

	Declared to be insolvent.	Discharged.	Pending.
1880	86	85	1
1881	113	110	4

The districts noted on the margin shew the largest number of persons declared to be insolvents. No such orders were made in Sarun or in Chota Nagpore. In each of the Districts of Cuttack, Dinagepore, Furreedpore, Midnapore, Pubna and Bogra, Rajshahye, Rungpore and Shahabad, only one person was declared to be insolvent.

	1880.	1881.
24-Pergunnahs ...	9	19
Patna	8	11
Dacca	4	7
Jessore	5	7
Tirhoot	4	7

The estates of 16 insolvents, including those remaining unsettled at the close of 1880, were in the hands of receivers during 1881. The proceedings in 4 of these were finally closed during 1881, leaving 12 in the receivers' hands at the close of that year. The number of estates placed in the hands of receivers during each of the past two years was 6 and 9, respectively. The following statement shows the amount realized and disbursed, and the balance in the hands of such officers during each of the years 1880 and 1881:—

	Amount realized.	Amount disbursed.	Balance.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1880	1,511	105	1,544
1881	2,823	3,591	795

Nagri (Kaithi) character

In exercise of the powers vested in the Local Government by Section 645 of the Code, the exclusive use of Nágri (Kaithi) was enjoined in the following portions of the province, in lieu of the language known as Urdu, which had hitherto been the language of the Courts:—

Patna Division.—In all districts, from the 1st January 1881.

Bhagulpore Division.—In all districts, except Maldah and the Sonthal Pergunnahs, from the 1st January 1881.

Chota Nagpore Division.—In the districts of Lohardugga, Hazareebagh, and in the district of Singbhoom, except Pergunnah Dholbhoom, from the 1st July 1881.

Only 4 of the District Judges have mentioned this subject in their reports, *viz.*, those of Bhaugulpore, Patna and Sarun, and the Judicial Commissioner of Chota Nagpore. In the last-named territory the change is stated to have met with the general approval of the people. In Bhaugulpore, it is reported, the officers are getting accustomed to the character, and are now beginning to read and write it with ease. As regards Patna, the proscription of Urdu is stated to be very unpopular with the Mahomedans, who, in the large town of Patna, are numerous and influential. The District Judge of Sarun reports as follows:—

"Perhaps the most important practical change in the working of the Behar Courts during the year under review was the substitution of the Kaithi character for the Persian character formerly in use. To prevent the change from being altogether sudden, I gradually introduced the use of the new character in my office, as well as in those of my subordinates, in the latter portion of the previous year. The change has worked smoothly on the whole. It has been the occasion of some loss of time; due, partly no doubt to the comparative inexperience of mohurrirs in the Kaithi, but also, in some degree, to the nature of the character itself, which

it is physically impossible to write as fast as the Persian. The outturn of work, however, shows that it has not brought about the material hindrance to business that its opponents predicted."

The following extracts, relating to the effect of recent legislation on the working of the Courts, are selected from some of the district reports :— Recent Legislation.

Noakhally.—"The legislation of the last year has not had any effect on the mofussil Courts which calls for special remark.

"It is noticed that the people have not yet become acquainted with all the provisions of the Stamp Act I of 1879; for, following the old law, they still occasionally write their bonds for sums not exceeding Rs. 25 on a stamp of 2 annas; and hence, when the amount exceeds Rs. 10, they render themselves liable to penalty.

"Act IX (B. C.) of 1879 has had the effect of diminishing the rent suits in the Munsifi of Sundip.

"The Munsif of Sundip says regarding Act IX (B. C.) of 1879: 'From the claims that are often made, respecting cesses under Section 27 of this Act, it would appear that the people have not yet understood what they are required to prove: when they claim cesses for small revenue-paying estates, they claim the highest amount assessable under the law; but they adduce no evidence, and the result is the other party objects, and the Court has no option but to award the smallest amount assessable under the law.'"

Chota Nagpore.—"The Encumbered Estates' Act (VI of 1876), which commenced to operate in the year 1879, appears to have had the effect, as was anticipated, of diminishing the number of suits instituted.

"With respect to the local rent law, Act I (B. C.) of 1879, which is in force in 3 out of the 4 districts, although it would appear to have had the effect of reducing the number of institutions in the Lohardugga District, it has not, as a matter of fact, caused any diminution in the work, owing to the provisions of Section 39, which now enable the landlords to join a large number of their defaulting tenants in one and the same suit, and which are largely availed of."

Rungpore.—The following remarks are made by the Deputy Commissioner of Julpigoorce: "As regards the bearing of recent legislation on the trial of rent suits, I think it may now be regarded as an established fact that Act X of 1859, with all its imperfections, is so much preferred for the recovery of arrears of rent by at least the Manager of the Chaklajat Estate that Clause 7, Section 7 of Act VII (B. C.) of 1880, has become almost a dead-letter in this district, as the following figures will show.

"In the year 1880 there were 211 certificates issued for the recovery of arrears of rent due to the Chaklajat Estate as compared with none of the year under report.

"In June last the Manager of the Chaklajat Estate, in replying to a reference from the Board of Revenue on the subject, expressed himself to the effect that, for this district, Act X of 859 afforded a more expeditious means of recovering arrears of rent than the 'Recovery of Public Demands Act'; and, after making every allowance for the influence which this preference probably derived from the circumstance that the machinery of Act X and its working are thoroughly understood by the Manager's amla, while the provisions of Act VII of 1880 are practically unknown to them, I also think that of the 2 enactments it would be found, in practice, that Act X of 1859 really provides a more summary procedure than the Public Demands Act.

"On a close comparison of the so-called summary procedure of the latter Act, in respect of the recovery of arrears of rent, with the provisions of Act X of 1859, it will be found that, under both, the tenants have the same opportunities, and are allowed practically the same means, of contesting what to them may appear unlawful demands."

The following changes took place in the ranks of the Subordinate Judicial Service during the year :— Changes in the subordinate judicial service.

The undermentioned officers died or left the service—

Died	Baboo Bhooputty Roy	Subordinate Judge.
	„ Benode Behary Chowdhry	Munsifs.
	„ Digumber Canoongoe	
Retired	Moulvie Feda Hossein	Munsifs.
	Baboo Krishna Behary Mookerjee	
	„ Grish Chunder Roy	

The following Munsifs were promoted to Subordinate Judgeships :—

Name.	Service.			District to which appointed.
	Y.	M.	D.	
Baboo Raj Chunder Sandyal	14	7	27	Chittagong.
„ Bulloram Mullick, B.L.	14	7	27	Sealdah, 24-Pergunnahs.
„ Mohendronath Mitter	14	7	27	Moorshedabad.
„ Radha Kishen Sen	14	6	16	Hooghly.

The following gentlemen were nominated to permanent Munsifships :—

Name.	Degree or other qualification.	District to which appointed.
Baboo Kapali Prosunno Mookerjee .	M.A. & B.L. ...	Tirhoot.
„ Birjonath Roy . . .	L.L. ...	Midnapore.
„ Dinonath Sircar . . .	B.L. ...	Sylhet.
„ Akhoy Kumar Chatterjee .	B.L. ...	Backergunge.
„ Jogendronath Deb . .	L.L. ...	Dacca.
„ Jogendronath Mitter . .	B.L. ...	Backergunge.
„ Hurromohun Bose . .	L.L. ...	Noakhally.
„ Peary Lall Mookerjee . .	M.A. & B.L. ...	Tipperah.
„ Chundernath Ghose . .	B.L. ...	Backergunge.
„ Suresh Chunder Ghose . .	M.A. & B.L. ...	Dinagepore.

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A.

Original cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
			1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan ...	Reg. ...	11,648	11,675	11,483	11,842	1,997	1,941
	Bankura ...	Reg. ...	7,062	6,335	6,906	6,545	905	753
	Beerbhoom...	Reg. ...	4,878	5,145	4,971	5,310	772	662
	Midnapore ...	Reg. ...	17,942	15,196	15,733	18,684	5,461	2,252
		S. C. ...	656	648	691	656	43	44
	Hooghly ...	Reg. ...	13,251	13,279	13,222	13,672	2,296	2,165
		S. C. ...	5,413	5,595	5,364	5,609	551	605
		TOTAL ...	60,850	57,873	58,370	62,3 18	12,025	8,422
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs	Reg. ...	21,426	21,345	21,414	21,525	2,700	2,829
		S. C. ...	5,387	5,400	5,879	5,396	160	310
	Nuddea	Reg. ...	8,003	8,500	8,428	8,519	825	937
		S. C. ...	10,330	11,095	10,547	11,190	277	353
	Jessore	Reg. ...	22,122	21,145	22,083	21,762	2,007	1,878
		S. C. ...	12,073	10,386	12,804	10,815	507	323
	Moorshedabad	Reg. ...	11,737	12,028	11,140	11,833	1,536	1,870
		S. C. ...	245	261	252	269	10	12
		TOTAL ...	91,323	90,160	92,547	91,309	8,022	8,512
RAJSHAHYE ...	Dinagepore ...	Reg. ...	6,666	7,885	6,805	7,742	768	1,007
		S. C. ...	1,069	1,218	1,003	1,276	152	113
	Rajshahye ...	Reg. ...	7,122	7,887	6,853	7,514	1,023	1,482
		S. C. ...	718	658	712	681	67	56
	Rungpore ...	Reg. ...	13,646	13,553	14,007	13,697	2,417	2,471
	Pubna and Bogra	Reg. ...	6,808	7,812	6,804	7,749	1,287	1,432
		S. C. ...	1,864	1,967	1,874	2,000	95	79
		TOTAL ...	37,893	40,980	38,058	40,659	5,809	6,640
DACCA ...	Dacca	Reg. ...	18,383	19,393	17,852	19,744	3,197	3,072
		S. C. ...	7,283	6,740	7,625	6,815	444	478
	Furreedpore	Reg. ...	17,511	16,680	17,157	16,939	2,286	2,190
		S. C. ...	1,411	1,311	1,413	1,277	65	113
	Backergunge	Reg. ...	19,755	19,196	21,402	19,814	2,890	2,809
		S. C. ...	2,025	1,865	2,108	1,897	94	31
	Mymensingh ...	Reg. ...	19,593	20,674	19,805	20,444	2,628	3,019
	Tipperah	Reg. ...	19,399	20,285	19,121	20,754	4,152	3,871
		TOTAL ...	105,360	106,144	106,483	107,675	15,756	15,583
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong... ...	Reg. ...	13,479	11,872	13,879	11,871	1,524	1,715
	Noakhally	Reg. ...	10,853	10,579	12,203	10,667	1,171	1,207
		TOTAL ...	24,332	22,451	26,082	22,538	2,695	2,922
PATNA ...	Patna	Reg. ...	4,049	3,803	4,009	4,527	1,385	762
		S. C. ...	1,557	1,475	1,641	1,471	67	95
	Gya	Reg. ...	2,624	2,343	2,448	2,549	869	737
	Shahabad	Reg. ...	6,510	6,763	6,338	5,897	1,460	2,379
	Tirhoot	Reg. ...	7,454	8,399	7,527	8,528	2,167	2,160
	Sarun	Reg. ...	5,685	5,320	5,416	5,740	1,690	1 375
		TOTAL ...	27,879	28,103	27,379	28,712	7,638	7,508
BHAUGULPORE	Bhaugulpore ...	Reg. ...	10,055	10,163	10,149	9,880	1,114	1,478
		S. C. ...	4,418	4,858	4,425	4,853	282	356
	Purneah	Reg. ...	8,054	8,630	8,088	8,430	966	1,258
		TOTAL ...	22,527	23,651	22,662	23,163	2,362	3,092
ORISSA ...	Cuttack	Reg. ...	7,216	8,540	7,920	8,478	929	1,057
		S. C. ...	2,867	1,160	3,171	1,215	108	57
		TOTAL ...	10,083	9,700	11,091	9,693	1,037	1,114
CHOTA NAGPORE.	Chota Nagpore ...	Reg. ...	4,317	4,167	4,293	4,225	644	636
	TOTAL	Reg. ...	327,248	328,592	327,456	334,872	53,066	51,401
		S. C. ...	57,316	54,637	59,509	55,420	2,922	3,025
	GRAND TOTAL ...	...	384,564	383,229	386,965	390,292	55,988	54,429

A—1.

Original cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in each of the Courts of Small Causes in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
BURDWAN	Midnapore	656	648	691	656	43	44
	Hooghly	1,051	1,000	1,048	1,008	115	123
	Serampore	1,559	1,651	1,524	1,678	200	195
	Howrah	2,803	2,944	2,792	2,923	236	287
PRESIDENCY	Sealdah	5,228	5,257	5,719	5,255	160	305
	Dum-Dum Cantonment	41	20	42	20	...	...
	Barrackpore Cantonment	118	123	118	121	...	5
	Kishnaghur	2,199	2,756	2,224	2,769	31	55
	Ranaghat	1,808	1,691	1,812	1,735	71	47
	Meherpore	1,768	2,035	1,838	2,018	46	80
	Kooshteah	2,939	2,764	3,016	1,854	118	39
	Chooadangah	1,616	1,849	1,657	2,814	11	132
	Jessore	4,209	4,065	4,314	4,143	56	53
	Magoorah	1,943	1,729	1,992	1,765	101	104
	Jhenidah	2,673	2,036	3,132	2,090	77	58
	Narail	3,248	2,556	3,366	2,817	273	108
RAJSHAHYE	Berhampore Small Cause Court	245	261	252	269	10	12
	Beauleah	718	658	712	681	67	56
	Pubna	1,864	1,967	1,874	2,000	95	79
COOCH BEHAR	Darjeeling	1,069	1,218	1,003	1,276	152	113
DACCA	Dacca	4,025	4,088	4,170	4,116	228	244
	Moonsheegunge	3,258	2,652	3,455	2,699	216	234
	Furreedpore	1,411	1,311	1,413	1,277	65	113
	Backergunge	2,025	1,865	2,108	1,897	94	31
PATNA	Patna	1,388	1,345	1,468	1,339	56	87
	Dinapore Cantonment	169	130	173	132	11	8
BHAGULPORE	Monghyr	2,464	2,820	2,455	2,816	170	218
	Bhagulpore	1,954	2,038	1,970	2,037	112	138
ORISSA	Cuttack	2,867	1,160	3,171	1,215	108	57
	TOTAL	57,316	54,637	59,509	55,420	2,922	3,025

B.

Suits and appeals pending more than one year at the close of 1880 and 1881.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	1880.		1881.	
		Suits.	Appeals.	Suits.	Appeals.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	2	25	7	2
	Bankura			2	176
	Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...
	Midnapore	8	125	3	2
	Hooghly	9	105	7	23
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	21	7	31	6
	Nuddea	...	66	...	73
	Jessore	1	3	5	...
	Moorshedabad	3	2	1	...
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	2	...	2	...
	Rajshahye	2	1	1	...
	Rungpore	5	1	...	...
	Pubna and Bogra	...	...	3	7
DACCA	Dacca	19	...	4	3
	Fureedpore	6	36	...	33
	Backergunge	1	3	...	...
	Mymensingh	8	...	17	135
	Tipperah	...	19	1	64
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	1	14	1	98
	Noakhally	...	...	...	...
PATNA	Patna	5	2	31	2
	Gya	32	5	50	4
	Shahabad	4	243	21	532
	Tirhoot	12	46	11	134
	Sarun	20	...	9	14
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	3	6	6	9
	Purneah	1	...	1	...
ORISSA	Cuttack	21	12	6	2
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	8	2	3	1
		194	723	223	1,320

C.

Number and Value of Suits instituted in the Civil Courts, 1877-1881.

Districts.	Court.	Value in 1877.	Number in 1877.	Number in 1878.	Number in 1879.	Number in 1880.	Number in 1881.	Value in 1881.
		Rs.						Rs.
Backergunge	R.	15,64,469	12,637	14,987	18,684	19,755	19,196	16,46,165
	S. C. ...	96,926	1,572	1,892	2,256	2,025	1,865	1,05,551
Beerbhoom	R.	5,24,075	4,554	4,226	4,577	4,878	5,145	4,86,967
Bhaugulpore	R.	28,37,187	8,491	9,452	9,500	10,055	10,163	21,54,186
	S. C. ...	2,19,522	3,406	4,222	3,953	4,418	4,858	2,71,372
Burdwan	R.	16,63,224	14,807	13,284	14,309	11,648	11,675	11,84,428
Bankura	R.	2,24,611	3,862	3,761	4,423	7,062	6,335	4,00,503
Chittagong	R.	9,61,158	12,875	12,437	14,606	13,479	11,872	7,39,817
Cuttack	R.	8,65,270	5,267	5,366	6,811	7,216	8,540	6,84,842
	S. C. ...	1,09,482	3,118	3,841	4,975	2,867	1,160	1,28,979
Dacca	R.	15,44,557	15,398	14,062	16,187	18,383	19,393	17,97,983
	S. C. ...	3,48,382	5,661	6,061	5,552	7,283	6,740	4,12,281
Dinagepore	R.	9,44,527	12,570	7,029	7,497	6,666	7,885	13,14,881
	S. C. ...	.....	.....	.....	988	1,069	1,218	73,684
Furreedpore	R.	7,46,986	12,443	11,769	13,793	17,511	16,680	9,29,510
	S. C. ...	95,867	1,648	1,547	908	1,411	1,311	49,941
Gya	R.	12,42,143	2,210	2,458	2,564	2,624	2,343	10,25,123
Hooghly	R.	15,22,975	11,701	10,581	11,415	13,251	13,270	17,70,134
	S. C. ...	1,47,874	3,783	4,220	5,130	5,413	5,595	2,31,346
Jessore	R.	10,83,985	18,304	17,644	20,466	22,122	21,145	13,37,217
	S. C. ...	5,38,962	12,462	11,921	14,564	12,073	10,386	4,81,408
Midnapore	R.	13,79,881	13,518	14,080	16,875	17,942	15,196	12,42,600
	S. C. ...	92,208	1,247	1,125	872	656	648	77,325
Moorshedabad	R.	19,58,671	11,367	11,455	10,895	11,737	12,028	11,62,823
	S. C. ...	24,785	192	192	215	245	261	38,386
Mymensingh	R.	19,29,851	17,639	18,547	17,296	19,593	20,674	16,13,767
Noakhally	R.	6,27,321	10,835	13,473	13,752	10,853	10,579	6,48,297
Nuddea	R.	10,81,762	8,520	8,721	9,069	8,003	8,500	7,48,222
	S. C. ...	3,91,267	8,247	9,570	11,361	10,330	11,065	4,98,715
Patna	R. ...	29,94,234	3,158	3,334	3,242	4,049	3,803	67,74,419
	S. C. ...	85,216	1,151	1,550	1,513	1,557	1,475	95,586
Pubna and Bogra	R.	.....	.....	6,384	6,647	6,808	7,812	9,33,666
	S. C. ...	.....	.....	1,101	1,532	1,864	1,967	82,991
Purneah	R.	9,23,617	8,227	8,070	8,203	8,054	8,630	10,43,397
Rajshahye	R.	11,94,304	7,965	6,129	5,540	7,122	7,887	7,55,708
	S. C. ...	92,590	1,524	707	629	718	658	41,261
Rungpore	R.	16,01,968	16,543	16,974	15,465	13,646	13,553	11,47,932
Sarun	R.	15,90,176	4,934	5,042	4,711	5,685	5,320	20,23,483
Shahabad	R.	11,15,055	5,971	7,868	6,044	6,510	6,763	11,57,795
Tipperah	R.	12,96,746	18,515	18,568	18,965	19,399	20,285	11,02,807
Tirhoot	R.	20,71,631	8,379	8,376	6,752	7,454	8,399	40,80,926
24-Pergunnahs	R.	29,96,447	23,084	20,335	21,660	21,426	21,345	26,74,678
	S. C. ...	2,10,605	4,516	5,727	5,892	5,387	5,400	2,88,146
Chota Nagpore	R.	12,82,684	4,315	4,454	4,492	4,317	4,167	9,08,292
Julpigoree and Darjeeling	R.	2,19,789	1,822	3,821	.....	.....	.....	.....
	S. C. ...	45,454	916	980	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	R. ...	3,99,89,304	299,906	300,526	314,442	327,248	328,592	4,34,90,508
	S. C.	24,99,290	49,443	54,656	60,340	57,316	54,637	28,76,972

D.

Number of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Districts.	Court.	1880.			1881.		
		Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent. Law.	Title and other suits.
Backergunge	R.	4,103	14,318	1,334	3,837	14,281	1,078
	S. C.	2,025	...	...	1,865	...	...
Beerbhoom	R.	1,557	2,150	1,171	1,889	2,508	748
Bhaugulpore	R.	3,230	5,441	1,384	3,136	5,938	1,089
	S. C.	4,418	...	...	4,858	...	...
Burdwan	R.	4,205	5,475	1,968	4,219	6,150	1,306
Bankura	R.	2,024	3,242	1,796	1,750	3,231	1,854
Chittagong	R.	4,333	6,609	2,537	3,412	5,899	2,561
Cuttack	R.	5,561	...	1,655	7,152	...	1,388
	S. C.	2,867	...	...	1,160	...	...
Dacca	R.	12,691	3,757	1,935	12,835	4,692	1,866
	S. C.	7,283	...	...	6,740	...	...
Dinagepore	R.	4,300	1,680	687	5,012	2,625	248
	S. C.	1,069	...	...	1,218	...	...
Furreedpore	R.	10,139	6,541	831	9,392	6,413	875
	S. C.	1,411	...	...	1,311	...	...
Gya	R.	1,090	810	724	1,125	702	516
Hooghly	R.	3,563	7,708	1,980	3,926	7,761	1,592
	S. C.	5,413	...	...	5,595	...	...
Jessore	R.	3,351	16,495	2,276	3,216	15,994	1,935
	S. C.	12,073	...	...	10,386	...	...
Midnapore	R.	5,073	7,393	4,876	6,237	7,346	1,613
	S. C.	656	...	...	648	...	...
Moorshedabad	R.	5,303	5,164	1,270	5,438	5,552	1,038
	S. C.	245	...	...	261	...	...
Mymensingh	R.	13,864	2,845	2,884	15,514	2,870	2,290
Noakhally	R.	3,074	6,684	1,095	2,997	6,490	1,092
Nuddea	R.	2,188	5,066	799	2,233	5,662	605
	S. C.	10,330	...	...	11,095	...	...
Patna	R.	847	2,472	730	832	2,367	604
	S. C.	1,557	...	...	1,475	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	R.	4,068	1,834	900	4,605	2,443	764
	S. C.	1,864	...	...	1,967	...	...
Purneah	R.	3,993	3,568	498	4,361	3,859	410
Rajshahye	R.	4,461	2,282	389	5,095	2,484	308
	S. C.	718	...	...	658	...	...
Rungpore	R.	7,763	4,895	988	7,294	5,143	1,116
Sarun	R.	1,633	2,500	1,552	2,180	2,210	930
Shahabad	R.	2,050	3,320	1,140	1,735	3,873	1,155
Tipperah	R.	9,282	7,550	2,567	9,539	8,428	2,318
Tirhoot	R.	2,892	3,106	1,456	3,124	4,004	1,271
24-Pergunnahs	R.	8,854	9,981	2,591	8,971	10,194	2,180
	S. C.	5,387	...	...	5,400	...	...
Chota Nagpore	R.	3,503	...	814	3,531	...	636
Total	R.	139,535	142,886	44,828	144,587	149,119	34,886
	S. C.	57,316	..	..	54,637	...	..

E.

Value of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Districts.	Court.	1880.			1881.		
		Suits for money or moveables.	Under the Rent Law.	Title Suits.	Suits for money or moveables.	Under the Rent Law.	Title Suits.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	R. ...	3,54,205	7,55,832	6,34,870	3,46,834	7,65,498	5,33,833
	S. C. ...	1,24,452	.....	.....	1,05,551	.....	...
Beerbhoom	R. ...	95,811	1,37,041	1,70,942	1,31,843	1,54,265	2,00,859
Bhaugulpore	R. ...	5,34,785	3,87,873	17,83,577	5,00,562	4,44,318	12,09,306
	S. C. ...	2,59,109	.....	.....	2,71,372	.....	...
Burdwan	R. ...	4,14,483	2,73,147	7,30,474	5,46,521	4,33,731	2,04,176
Bankura	R. ...	1,25,869	1,31,159	1,90,207	1,12,475	1,37,487	1,50,541
Chittagong	R. ...	3,55,078	2,15,383	2,67,218	3,03,675	2,00,687	2,35,455
Cuttack	R. ...	3,13,941	.....	9,41,981	3,73,716	.....	3,11,126
	S. C. ...	1,58,523	.....	.....	1,28,979	.....	...
Dacca	R. ...	10,18,864	1,38,582	11,97,278	7,63,914	1,44,675	8,89,394
	S. C. ...	4,23,257	.....	.....	4,12,281	.....	...
Dinagepore	R. ...	7,72,986	1,00,307	1,41,293	10,18,071	1,25,917	1,70,893
	S. C. ...	60,333	.....	.....	73,684	.....	...
Furreedpore	R. ...	5,72,912	2,33,105	1,42,516	5,09,130	2,37,143	1,83,237
	S. C. ...	56,116	.....	.....	49,941	.....	...
Gya	R. ...	5,11,696	1,72,523	29,98,176	3,19,765	1,87,195	5,18,163
Hooghly	R. ...	5,47,705	3,86,754	4,88,428	8,49,701	3,82,049	5,38,384
	S. C. ...	2,49,195	.....	.....	2,31,346	.....	..
Jessore	R. ...	2,98,203	7,32,280	3,31,948	3,02,363	6,91,133	3,43,721
	S. C. ...	5,54,221	.....	.....	4,81,408	.....	..
Midnapore	R. ...	4,19,349	3,18,631	5,71,888	3,87,622	3,20,338	5,34,640
	S. C. ...	79,467	.....	.....	77,325	.....	..
Moorshedabad	R. ...	4,29,138	3,01,332	14,93,674	3,04,643	2,37,789	6,20,391
	S. C. ...	35,882	.....	.....	38,386	.....	..
Mymensingh	R. ...	10,33,042	2,27,569	36,35,742	10,74,512	2,06,126	3,33,129
Noakhally	R. ...	1,98,842	3,34,696	96,962	2,10,737	3,12,308	1,25,252
Nuddea	R. ...	1,94,216	3,21,779	3,10,048	2,19,666	3,34,002	1,94,554
	S. C. ...	4,80,839	.....	.....	4,98,715	.....	..
Patna	R. ...	6,35,492	2,39,204	11,36,832	8,22,547	2,15,001	57,36,871
	S. C. ...	1,03,000	.....	.....	95,586	.....	..
Pubna and Bogra	R. ...	5,33,350	1,40,155	3,44,497	4,68,587	1,47,007	3,18,072
	S. C. ...	85,359	.....	.....	82,991	.....	..
Purneah	R. ...	7,06,108	2,24,766	1,24,247	5,67,872	3,05,459	1,70,066
Rajshahye	R. ...	5,14,432	1,88,200	1,79,354	4,22,011	2,03,834	1,29,863
	S. C. ...	41,093	.....	.....	41,261	.....	..
Rungpore	R. ...	6,96,495	2,17,257	1,66,450	7,35,363	2,25,140	1,87,429
Sarun	R. ...	4,14,018	2,82,615	22,53,728	6,96,941	1,34,185	11,92,357
Shahabad	R. ...	4,18,523	2,43,145	3,62,313	5,08,834	2,78,737	3,70,164
Tipperah	R. ...	7,06,936	3,34,517	7,75,158	5,70,098	3,76,466	1,56,243
Tirhoot	R. ...	11,04,235	3,21,169	23,69,184	15,38,170	4,13,179	21,29,577
24-Pergunnahs	R. ...	10,05,526	4,01,166	9,21,907	13,89,076	4,98,639	7,86,963
	S. C. ...	3,00,572	.....	.....	2,88,146	.....	
Chota Nagpore	R. ...	3,96,716	.....	2,56,005	5,13,145	.....	3,95,147
Total	R. ...	1,53,22,956	77,60,187	2,50,16,897	1,65,08,394	81,12,308	1,88,69,806
	S. C.	30,11,418	.....	...	28,76,972	.....	

F.

Manner of disposal of Original Suits by the Civil Courts, 1881.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Court.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested (both parties present).	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	R.	4,942	4,022	2,878	11,842
	Bankura	R.	3,114	1,823	1,608	6,545
	Beerbhoom	R.	2,333	1,506	1,471	5,310
	Midnapore	R.	8,291	6,075	5,318	18,684
		S. C.	359	171	126	656
	Hooghly	R.	5,924	4,435	3,313	13,672
		S. C.	2,689	1,643	1,277	5,609
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	R.	8,876	7,136	5,513	21,525
		S. C.	1,975	1,924	1,497	5,396
	Nuddea	R.	3,197	3,087	2,235	8,519
		S. C.	6,072	2,899	2,219	11,190
	Jessore	R.	6,336	9,361	6,065	21,762
		S. C.	5,581	3,366	1,868	10,815
	Moorshedabad	R.	3,955	5,159	2,719	11,833
		S. C.	86	98	85	269
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	R.	2,693	3,406	1,643	7,742
		S. C.	525	595	156	1,276
	Rajshahye	R.	3,228	2,476	1,810	7,514
		S. C.	242	265	174	681
	Rungpore	R.	5,175	5,256	3,266	13,697
	Pubna and Bogra	R.	2,474	3,429	1,846	7,749
		S. C.	1,016	561	423	2,000
DACCA	Dacca	R.	4,458	10,808	4,478	19,744
		S. C.	2,308	3,374	1,133	6,815
	Furreedpore	R.	4,943	8,778	3,209	16,930
		S. C.	530	570	177	1,277
	Backergunge	R.	5,081	10,701	4,032	19,814
		S. C.	703	910	284	1,897
	Mymensing	R.	4,470	10,882	5,092	20,444
	Tipperah	R.	6,520	7,952	6,282	20,754
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	R.	4,520	2,999	4,352	11,871
	Noakhally	R.	3,735	3,899	3,033	10,667
PATNA	Patna	R.	1,702	629	2,196	4,527
		C.	790	368	313	1,471
	Gya	R.	893	509	1,147	2,549
	Shahabad	R.	2,458	1,307	2,132	5,897
	Tirhoot	R.	2,626	1,919	3,983	8,528
	Sarun	R.	2,475	1,427	1,838	5,740
BHAUGULPORE	Bhaugulpore	R.	3,930	3,301	2,649	9,880
		S. C.	2,187	1,885	781	4,853
	Purneah	R.	3,134	3,063	2,233	8,430
ORISSA	Cuttack	R.	5,354	1,979	1,145	8,478
		S. C.	519	440	256	1,215
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagore	R.	1,831	911	1,483	4,225
	TOTAL	R.	118,668	127,235	88,969	334,872
		S. C.	25,582	19,069	10,769	55,420
	GRAND TOTAL		144,250	146,304	99,738	390,292

F 1.

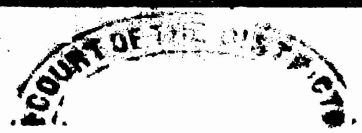
Manner of disposal of suits by the Courts of Small Causes separately.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested (both parties present.)	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Midnapore	359	171	126	656
	Hooghly	516	292	200	1,008
	Serampore	940	395	343	1,678
	Howrah	1,233	956	734	2,923
PRESIDENCY	Sealdah	1,907	1,889	1,459	5,255
	Dum-Dum Cantonment	6	5	9	20
	Barrackpore Ditto	62	30	29	121
	Kishnaghur	1,250	976	543	2,769
	Ranaghat	849	600	286	1,735
	Meherpore	961	694	363	2,018
	Koosteah	1,291	296	267	1,854
	Chooadangah	1,721	333	760	2,814
	Jessore	2,227	1,224	692	4,143
	Magoorah	841	577	347	1,765
	Jhenidah	1,285	485	320	2,090
	Narail	1,228	1,080	509	2,817
RAJSHAHYE	Berhampore Small Cause Court	86	98	85	269
	Beauleah	242	265	174	681
	Pubna	1,016	561	423	2,000
COOCH BEHAR	Darjeeling	525	595	156	1,276
DACCA	Dacca	1,450	1,853	813	4,116
	Moonsheegunge	858	1,521	320	2,699
	Furreedpore	530	570	177	1,277
	Backergunge	703	910	284	1,897
PATNA	Patna	718	330	291	1,339
	Dinapore Cantonment	72	38	22	132
BHAUGULPORE	Monghyr	1,248	1,159	409	2,816
	Bhaugulpore	939	726	372	2,037
ORISSA	Cuttack	519	440	256	1,215
	TOTAL	25,582	19,069	10,769	55,420

F 2.

Manner of disposal of suits by Courts of Officers vested with Small Cause Court powers.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested (both parties present).	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	604	384	221	1,209
	Bankura	290	156	77	523
	Beerbhoom	402	208	151	761
	Midnapore	2,151	1,019	468	3,638
	Hooghly	45	19	20	84
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	2,684	1,452	903	5,039
	Nuddea	879	427	197	1,503
	Jessore	445	505	224	1,174
	Moorshedabad	1,076	1,460	677	3,213
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	346	334	136	816
	Rajshahye	1,011	465	281	1,757
	Rungpore	867	797	310	1,974
	Pubna and Bogra	578	1,131	196	1,905
DACCA	Dacca	1,225	4,401	823	6,449
	Fureedpore	1,287	2,202	604	4,093
	Backergunge	60	56	50	166
	Mymensingh	689	1,230	317	2,236
	Tipperah	1,019	1,917	576	3,512
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	108	110	166	384
	Noakhally	150	108	87	345
PATNA	Patna	...	...	...	...
	Gya	160	65	105	330
	Shahabad	37	10	24	71
	Tirhoot	135	93	80	308
	Sarun	248	101	106	455
BHAUGULPORE	Bhagulpore	...	...	...	...
	Purneah	408	215	70	693
ORISSA	Cuttack	3,636	1,211	546	5,393
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL	20,540	20,076	7,415	48,031



G.

Applications for an order to set aside an ex parte *judgment or a judgment on default, 1881.*

DISTRICTS.	MOONSIFFS.						SUBORDINATE JUDGES.						SMALL CAUSE COURTS.						JUDGES.					
	PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.		
	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.
Backergunge	838	410	1,248	441	510	951	6	1	7	4	1	5	52	20	72	14	55	69	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	50	55	105	37	52	89	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore	78	84	162	54	95	149	3	5	8	1	4	5	51	55	106	51	63	114	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	169	67	236	106	154	260	11	7	18	5	7	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	7	4	2	6
Bankura	73	20	93	39	61	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	...	2
Chittagong	171	134	305	129	171	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	...	2
Cuttack	30	53	83	43	39	82	4	...	4	2	2	4	6	1	7	3	6	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	118	140	258	151	97	248	3	1	4	2	5	7	46	52	98	68	36	104	1	1	2	...	...	...
Dinagepore	62	80	142	78	73	151	1	1	2	1	1	2	7	10	17	14	3	17	...	2	2	2	..	2
Furreedpore	240	59	299	121	179	300	3	...	3	...	3	3	32	5	37	12	21	33	...	2	2	2	...	2
Gya	48	47	95	20	62	82	2	21	23	6	22	28	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
Hooghly	277	159	436	213	239	452	14	...	14	5	14	19	91	55	146	61	70	131	...	1	1	1	...	1
Jessore	804	187	991	410	434	844	3	1	4	2	2	4	175	229	404	237	162	399	.	...	...	.	...	...
Midnapore	238	213	451	224	249	473	7	1	8	2	9	11	13	3	16	8	9	17	2	...	2	2	...	2
Moorshedabad	116	75	191	114	88	202	2	2	4	...	3	3	9	...	9	3	6	9	..	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	143	113	256	117	123	240	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noakhally	102	41	143	61	76	137	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	2	2
Nuddea	125	78	203	89	146	235	1	...	1	...	1	1	86	120	206	130	71	201	...	...	...	...	...	..
Patna	41	68	109	50	48	98	7	3	10	3	6	9	15	18	33	23	12	35	...	3	3	3	...	3
Pubna and Bogra	127	47	174	50	125	175	16	...	16	1	16	17	21	15	36	15	20	35	...	1	1	1	...	1
Purneah	61	80	141	61	81	142	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Rajshahye	78	58	136	66	85	151	4	1	5	2	3	5	10	6	16	10	4	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore	171	111	282	149	99	248	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	89	81	170	64	95	159	4	3	7	5	7	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	66	21	87	21	55	76	2	3	5	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	104	113	217	99	124	223	7	...	7	1	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
Tirhoot	54	67	121	66	74	140	12	4	16	4	11	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	...	2
24-Pergunnahs	396	139	535	239	283	522	6	5	11	4	6	10	122	77	199	110	84	194	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore	32	24	56	26	30	56	2	...	2	2	2	4	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	4,901	2,824	7,725	3,338	3,947	7,285	121	59	180	55	129	184	736	666	1,402	759	622	1,381	10	20	30	24	4	28

H.

Result of proceedings in execution of Decrees in the Civil Courts.

DISTRICTS.	Court.	Number of applications on which realisations were made.				Amount realised.		
		In full satisfaction of decree.	In part satisfaction of decree.	With process.	Without process.	With process.	Without process.	Total.
						Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	R.	4,694	2,677	5,267	2,104	7,10,776	1,84,021	8,94,797
	S. C.	250	202	204	248	6,496	12,803	19,299
Beerbhoom	R.	1,136	653	1,416	373	1,24,751	20,741	1,45,492
Bhaugulpore	R.	1,565	758	2,031	292	6,47,963	67,836	7,15,799
	S. C.	559	359	707	211	45,816	14,151	59,967
Burdwan	R.	2,653	1,121	3,197	577	3,12,494	28,588	3,41,082
Bankura	R.	1,994	909	2,616	287	1,58,877	9,581	1,68,458
Chittagong	R.	3,111	2,663	4,069	1,705	2,15,298	83,782	2,99,080
Cuttack	R.	906	664	1,389	181	2,96,746	44,076	3,40,822
	S. C.	359	261	492	128	17,772	8,365	26,137
Dacca	R.	2,410	2,011	3,680	741	5,81,272	2,08,718	7,89,990
	S. C.	648	1,023	1,636	35	54,698	1,885	56,583
Dinagepore	R.	713	395	931	177	1,26,438	15,439	1,41,877
	S. C.	224	66	170	120	12,603	8,067	20,670
Furreedpore	R.	2,884	1,667	3,908	643	3,57,759	42,448	4,00,207
	S. C.	83	29	93	19	3,031	478	3,509
Gya	R.	800	306	832	274	3,87,804	52,348	4,40,152
Hooghly	R.	2,773	1,559	4,035	297	3,95,106	16,061	4,11,167
	S. C.	714	250	916	48	27,342	1,317	28,659
Jessore	R.	5,107	3,971	8,287	791	5,07,150	24,580	5,31,730
	S. C.	436	1,844	2,214	66	26,009	3,677	29,686
Midnapore	R.	2,913	2,074	3,824	1,163	3,46,511	48,063	3,94,574
	S. C.	131	266	309	88	8,554	6,355	14,909
Moorshedabad	R.	1,742	879	2,367	254	3,17,250	67,177	3,84,427
	S. C.	40	25	36	29	2,669	2,453	5,122
Mymensingh	R.	2,984	1,770	3,902	852	4,31,085	65,946	4,97,031
Noakhally	R.	3,377	1,367	3,443	1,301	3,34,690	1,11,859	4,46,549
Nuddea	R.	2,032	1,543	3,335	240	3,78,741	10,752	3,89,493
	S. C.	1,036	1,240	2,211	65	52,619	2,923	55,542
Patna	R.	1,151	521	1,292	380	3,64,796	58,273	4,23,069
	S. C.	207	59	245	21	13,430	683	14.113
Pubna and Bogra	R.	1,342	759	1,764	337	2,11,314	38,287	2,49,601
	S. C.	159	152	210	101	4,485	3,435	7,920
Purneah	R.	890	402	1,241	51	2,37,924	9,439	2,47,363
Rajshahye	R.	971	633	1,273	331	1,57,670	40,302	1,97,972
	S. C.	45	21	55	11	1,842	1,213	3,055
Rungpore	R.	1,927	843	2,537	233	2,87,250	14,556	3,01,806
Sarun	R.	1,283	468	1,433	318	3,94,122	55,924	4,50,046
Shahabad	R.	1,651	512	1,725	438	2,21,404	40,306	2,61,710
Tipperah	R.	3,496	2,028	4,476	1,048	2,84,838	58,419	3,43,257
Tirhoot	R.	2,392	985	2,948	369	13,29,564	1,16,734	14,46,298
24-Pergunnahs	R.	4,495	2,418	6,247	666	8,36,811	36,453	8,73,264
	S. C.	670	663	1,291	42	34,732	1,489	36,221
Chota Nagpore	R.	835	650	1,436	49	1,74,673	11,184	1,85,857
Total	R.	64,167	37,206	84,901	16,472	1,11,31,077	15,81,893	1,27,12,970
	S. C.	5,561	6,460	10,789	1,232	3,12,098	69,294	3,81,392

I.

Original Miscellaneous (Judicial) Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Division.	Districts.	Court.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
			1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
Burdwan	Burdwan	R.	1,587	1,221	1,611	1,246	241	206
	Bankura	R.	694	538	713	555	105	104
	Beerbhoom	R.	603	397	621	382	107	122
	Midnapore	R.	2,091	1,747	2,149	1,848	400	307
		S. C.	62	48	58	55	8	1
	Hooghly	R.	2,168	2,010	2,195	2,017	679	686
		S. C.	220	250	203	227	31	54
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	R.	2,343	2,266	2,410	2,416	641	496
		S. C.	488	448	514	443	28	33
	Nuddea	R.	1,147	1,048	1,176	1,108	272	216
		S. C.	698	668	719	655	22	36
	Jessore	R.	2,005	2,023	2,055	2,033	284	286
		S. C.	724	493	764	513	27	7
	Moorshedabad	R.	806	757	767	724	168	203
		S. C.	7	14	6	15	1	..
Rajshahye	Dinagepore	R.	462	400	481	411	62	54
		S. C.	11	29	14	29	...	..
	Rajshahye	R.	643	519	630	565	124	84
		S. C.	24	28	24	28	1	3
	Rungpore	R.	835	770	826	797	152	122
	Pubna and Bogra	R.	617	562	663	538	109	134
		S. C.	55	68	56	64	1	5
Dacca	Dacca	R.	1,452	1,387	1,443	1,460	265	196
		S. C.	287	242	293	257	33	19
	Furreedpore	R.	935	804	990	864	181	131
		S. C.	59	49	63	45	...	4
	Backergunge	R.	1,966	1,902	1,887	1,991	483	424
		S. C.	142	104	152	103	5	6
	Mymensingh	R.	1,128	912	1,117	926	215	204
	Tipperah	R.	1,168	1,053	1,278	1,046	184	196
Chittagong	Chittagong	R.	1,391	1,178	1,423	1,231	284	240
	Noakhally	R.	726	638	780	645	94	107
Patna	Patna	R.	1,013	1,029	1,129	994	140	188
		S. C.	80	75	86	76	5	4
	Gya	R.	526	488	524	491	133	131
	Shahabad	R.	820	759	817	795	194	158
	Tirhoot	R.	1,498	1,101	1,649	1,150	220	179
	Sarun	R.	1,094	908	1,120	910	219	217
Bhaugulpore	Bhaugulpore	R.	926	812	952	796	103	151
		S. C.	229	269	208	280	26	15
	Purneah	R.	640	654	691	630	57	83
Orissa	Cuttack	R.	794	567	783	552	89	105
		S. C.	75	32	71	37	7	2
Chota Nagpore	Chota Nagpore	R.	611	442	641	429	105	119
	Total	R.	32,739	28,892	33,521	29,550	6,310	5,649
		S. C.	3,161	2,817	3,231	2,827	195	188
	GRAND TOTAL	...	35,900	31,709	36,752	32,377	6,505	6,037

I 1.

Original Miscellaneous (Non-Judicial) Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	1,183	971	1,226	1,126	234	79
	Bankura	393	359	393	355	38	42
	Beerbhoom	441	104	478	147	58	15
	Midnapore	3,647	2,003	6,298	2,336	566	233
	Hooghly	3,043	2,643	2,565	3,520	1,199	322
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs	1,518	1,871	1,539	1,894	45	22
	Nuddea	603	414	682	450	66	30
	Jessore	961	754	992	774	33	13
	Moorshedabad	730	528	944	561	39	6
RAJSHAHYE ...	Dinagepore	869	1,168	899	1,066	81	183
	Rajshahye	526	629	514	654	54	29
	Rungpore	355	303	376	328	38	13
	Pubna and Bogra ...	539	508	553	515	59	52
DACCA	Dacca	948	1,116	904	1,079	188	225
	Furreedpore	356	282	267	348	95	29
	Backergunge	1,218	586	1,506	708	276	154
	Mymensingh	481	533	495	525	48	56
	Tipperah	1,418	1,820	3,844	1,838	128	110
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong	314	308	353	314	17	11
	Noakhally	368	283	657	266	27	44
PATNA	Patna	1,850	793	2,256	997	297	93
	Gya	557	463	696	488	87	62
	Shahabad	1,709	1,442	1,645	1,736	323	29
	Tirhoot	1,877	2,638	2,322	2,700	343	281
	Sarun	2,916	2,908	3,503	2,595	346	659
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore	3,313	2,545	3,617	2,343	513	715
	Purneah	1,705	1,491	2,109	1,710	490	271
ORISSA	Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Chota Nagpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL ...	33,838	29,463	41,593	31,373	5,688	3,778

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J.

Appeals instituted, disposed of, and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Divisions.	Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
Burdwan	Burdwan	612	494	567	554	413	369
	Bankura	452	385	430	313	455	527
	Beerbhoom	323	313	332	270	72	124
	Midnapore	921	1,453	876	920	749	1,301
	Hooghly	837	794	569	1,089	820	549
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	1,029	1,082	816	1,038	605	667
	Nuddea	472	393	734	495	520	431
	Jessore	853	816	932	849	307	311
	Moorshedabad	169	185	215	212	63	45
Rajshahye	Dinagepore	230	171	250	189	32	16
	Rajshahye	313	349	260	253	141	241
	Rungpore	490	605	489	580	97	127
	Pubna and Bogra	461	385	341	394	273	270
Dacca	Dacca	733	838	992	798	293	347
	Furreedpore	447	554	443	555	445	460
	Backergunge	764	508	683	559	242	208
	Mymensingh	1,058	1,031	680	713	712	1,048
	Tipperah	1,155	1,438	1,151	1,329	867	1,033
Chittagong	Chittagong	837	859	480	494	571	947
	Noakhally	375	431	284	357	270	347
Patna	Patna	1,117	1,187	1,039	1,308	462	380
	Gya	433	448	359	705	393	157
	Shahabad	878	910	580	444	941	1,419
	Tirhoot	1,430	1,460	1,345	1,273	1,538	1,754
	Sarun	839	786	637	842	710	697
Bhaugulpore	Bhaugulpore	1,081	844	850	814	562	619
	Purneah	393	392	347	421	90	69
Orissa	Cuttack	303	195	376	278	185	106
Chota Nagpore	Chota Nagpore	524	486	502	538	315	271
	Total	19,529	19,792	17,559	18,579	13,143	14,840

K.

Number of Appellate Judges and of appeals preferred, with ratio of appeals to decisions.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Appellate Judges.	Number of decisions in which an appeal lay to the District Courts.	Number of appeals preferred.	Ratio of appeals to decisions in which an appeal lay.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	3	2,454	494	20·13
	Bankura	1	1,362	385	28·26
	Beerbhoom	2	1,186	313	26·22
	Midnapore	3	4,820	1,453	30·14
	Hooghly	4	3,133	794	25·34
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	4	4,509	1,082	23·99
	Nuddea	2	1,834	393	21·42
	Jessore	3	5,765	816	14·15
	Moorshedabad	2	1,885	185	9·81
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	3	1,494	171	11·44
	Rajshahye	2	1,455	349	23·98
	Rungpore	3	2,952	588	19·91
	Pubna and Bogra	2	1,555	385	24·75
DACCA	Dacca	2	3,149	838	26·61
	Furreedpore	3	2,567	554	21·58
	Backergunge	3	3,931	508	12·92
	Mymensingh	2	4,061	1,031	25·38
	Tipperah	3	5,688	1,438	25·28
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	2	3,892	859	22·07
	Noakhally	1	2,737	431	15·74
PATNA	Patna	3	2,148	1,187	55·26
	Gya	3	1,028	448	43·57
	Shahabad	3	2,119	910	42·94
	Tirhoot	3	3,827	1,460	38·15
	Sarun	3	1,658	786	47·40
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	3	2,582	844	32·68
	Purneah	1	2,154	392	18·19
Orissa	Cuttack	1	573	195	34·03
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	7	1,467	364	24·81
	TOTAL	77	77,985	19,653	25·20

L.

Number of Appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Districts.	1880.			1881.		
	In suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.	In suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.
Backergunge	126	524	114	105	270	133
Beerbhoom	57	114	152	66	119	128
Bhaugulpore	139	697	245	110	511	223
Burdwan	95	203	314	107	150	237
Bankura	78	142	232	58	103	224
Chittagong	144	285	408	151	250	458
Cuttack	67	52	184	51	34	110
Dacca	135	300	298	126	372	340
Dinagepore	68	97	65	76	61	34
Furreedpore	134	193	120	130	244	180
Gya	116	125	192	123	169	156
Hooghly	102	317	418	103	342	349
Jessore	87	402	364	67	453	296
Midnapore	136	384	401	120	342	991
Moorshedabad	30	66	73	42	75	68
Mymensing	348	255	455	372	252	407
Noakhally	83	178	114	95	214	122
Nuddea	8	251	213	11	250	132
Patna	255	566	296	81	782	324
Pubna and Bogra	140	188	133	119	125	141
Purneah	42	244	107	62	241	89
Rajshahye	86	185	42	126	161	62
Rungpore	134	224	132	193	238	174
Sarun	152	407	280	110	373	303
Shahabad	136	372	370	91	443	376
Tipperah	242	475	438	253	678	507
Tirhoot	186	692	552	265	736	459
24-Pergunnahs	249	341	439	228	454	400
Chota Nagpore	194	108	222	184	122	180
Total	3,769	8,387	7,373	3,625	8,564	7,603

M.

Value of appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Districts.	1880.			1881.		
	In cases for money or moveables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.	In cases for money or moveables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	21,383	28,875	16,983	20,095	24,329	32,005
Beerbhoom	7,008	9,053	34,576	8,113	7,214	20,024
Bhaugulpore	33,365	30,343	1,42,769	39,471	45,179	81,162
Burdwan	12,122	14,665	34,938	19,221	8,003	29,329
Bankura	9,509	8,295	41,313	7,526	6,715	26,110
Chittagong	20,518	13,384	46,655	20,086	12,953	38,774
Cuttack	20,223	4,969	24,887	21,200	4,072	16,768
Dacca	18,246	16,229	68,795	13,942	17,521	97,269
Dinagepore	8,180	4,376	16,145	16,232	4,166	9,984
Furreedpore	16,392	12,595	25,695	15,171	15,069	42,820
Gya	21,008	24,192	1,17,919	34,403	27,284	70,323
Howrah	4,021	14,258	70,801	7,396	14,531	76,751
Jessore	16,105	26,514	38,174	17,510	27,415	35,199
Midnapore	14,276	15,882	78,389	12,928	15,168	93,432
Moorshedabad	3,128	5,560	42,030	3,752	13,503	20,719
Mymensingh	46,523	26,329	57,452	45,301	14,886	82,281
Noakhally	15,080	13,716	13,216	9,975	21,768	13,714
Nuddea	1,852	14,962	60,036	5,495	19,248	36,256
Patna	38,844	52,538	73,292	21,951	70,374	78,259
Pubna and Bogra	38,324	15,439	26,165	27,139	17,120	43,780
Purnea	9,171	10,983	24,890	14,015	13,957	19,559
Rajshahye	25,019	17,206	16,313	27,383	12,503	21,715
Rungpore	21,635	15,234	34,937	32,643	18,430	23,933
Sarun	29,318	20,748	60,285	27,566	39,720	53,029
Shahabad	42,350	39,045	57,456	19,433	38,209	77,925
Tipperah	38,064	23,928	47,474	29,927	25,641	49,758
Tirhoot	64,788	59,720	1,20,686	54,712	55,091	99,175
24-Pergunnahs	40,655	26,503	67,028	56,244	34,818	58,431
Chota Nagpore	23,971	18,014	74,336	34,051	15,502	66,309
Total	6,61,078	5,83,555	15,33,638	6,62,881	6,40,389	14,14,793

N.

Appeals how disposed of.

DIVISION.	DISTRICTS.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	339	49	107	11	48	554
	Bankura	176	52	74	9	2	313
	Beerbhoom	171	39	41	10	9	270
	Midnapore	579	60	194	36	51	920
	Hooghly	653	56	191	22	167	1,089
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	678	95	205	30	30	1,038
	Nuddea	264	85	78	12	56	495
	Jessore	504	50	203	40	52	849
	Moorshedabad	147	14	35	8	8	212
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	132	10	30	10	7	189
	Rajshahye	108	20	78	...	47	253
	Rungpore	320	68	128	38	26	580
	Pubna and Bogra	249	24	96	10	15	394
DACCA	Dacca	533	75	131	37	22	798
	Furreedpore	320	71	125	15	24	555
	Backergunge	304	39	129	20	58	559
	Mymensingh	427	86	174	8	18	713
	Tipperah	734	121	345	59	70	1,329
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	284	75	66	22	47	494
	Noakhally	230	23	57	24	23	357
PATNA	Patna	490	364	173	27	249	1,303
	Gya	479	37	142	37	10	705
	Shahabad	257	49	66	18	54	444
	Tirhoot	811	117	147	38	160	1,273
	Sarun	505	48	211	16	62	842
BHAUGULPORE	Bhaugulpore	515	71	136	26	66	814
	Purneah	314	46	41	11	9	421
ORISSA	Cuttack	180	16	47	10	25	278
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	300	53	144	25	16	538
	TOTAL	11,003	1,913	3,594	638	1,431	18,579

O.

Miscellaneous appeals.

DIVISION.	DISTRICTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	50	35	49	32	9	12
	Bankura	27	18	52	16	...	2
	Beerbhoom	30	34	28	31	6	9
	Midnapore	54	42	63	23	2	21
	Hooghly	30	14	42	26	27	15
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	81	57	67	71	26	13
	Nuddea	25	29	30	27	7	10
	Jessore	81	77	81	84	11	4
	Moorshedabad	13	14	17	14	2	2
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	10	9	13	10	1	...
	Rajshahye	22	16	24	12	4	8
	Rungpore	10	19	9	19	4	4
	Pubna and Bogra	43	44	35	39	14	19
DACCA	Dacca	52	38	57	38	6	6
	Furreedpore	48	44	20	69	55	30
	Backergunge	31	58	36	67	16	7
	Mymensingh	8	7	61	5	...	2
	Tipperah	72	53	123	58	17	15
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	101	78	44	88	80	73
	Noakhally	28	17	33	18	1	1
PATNA	Patna	59	39	100	54	21	6
	Gya	51	45	69	47	12	11
	Shahabad	39	35	12	67	66	34
	Tirhoot	43	150	93	147	21	24
	Sarun	42	50	106	43	6	14
BHAUGULPORE	Bhaugulpore	46	39	52	58	18	7
	Purneah	23	18	25	9	1	10
ORISSA	Cuttack	25	18	25	27	10	1
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	49	46	63	49	29	28
	TOTAL	1,193	1,143	1,429	1,248	472	388

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Work done by District Judges, 1881.

Districts.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Number of Sessions trials.	Number of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge	109	151	10	223	159	67	56	294
Beerbhoom	168	74	9	87	126	31	29	67
Bhaugulpore	174	124	...	120	551	58	68	180
Burdwan	128	63	12	229	117	29	27	88
Bankura	219	32	37	69	313	16	32	36
Chittagong	160	96	5	445	95	88	26	15
Cuttack	159	89	8	72	278	27	66	123
Dacca	142	117	12	435	328	38	66	191
Dinagepore	147	89	4	92	133	10	47	48
Furreedpore	135	171	18	203	29	69	51	188
Gya	216	28	2	109	189	28	5	60
Hooghly	99	161	22	330	201	26	56	93
Jessore	158	90	27	474	448	84	47	143
Midnapore	115	147	8	318	177	23	89	93
Moorshedabad	172	69	12	153	143	14	52	100
Mymensingh	93	176	3	138	206	5	99	90
Noakhally	195	55	33	108	357	18	25	53
Nuddea	141	107	6	378	218	27	49	132
Patna	157	110	9	464	632	54	67	205
Pubna and Bogra	139	148	7	89	201	39	32	118
Purneah	181	70	2	93	421	9	29	35
Rajshahye	132	87	14	148	253	12	51	66
Rungpore	143	82	7	122	205	19	57	43
Sarun	137	114	3	294	211	43	87	136
Shahabad	105	182	1	202	115	67	51	168
Tipperah	149	106	6	154	184	58	34	143
Tirhoot	141	109	..	239	756	147	75	244
24-Pergunnahs	199	44	21	857	318	57	16	113
Chota Nagpore	131	129	...	4	242	22	87	139
Total	4,344	3,020	298	6,649	7,606	1,185	1,476	3,404

P 2.

Work done by Additional Judges.

Districts.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Number of Sessions trials.	Number of Criminal Appeals.
Burdwan	25	...	...	8	67	3	...	...
Gya	101	37	...	...	248	19	42	42
Hooghly Howrah	42	43	...	92	...	...	33	17
24-Pergunnahs	80	85	...	7	192	14	64	...
Total	248	165	...	107	507	36	139	59

P 3.

Work done by Subordinate Judges.

DISTRICTS.		Suits.				Miscellaneous.			Appeals.	
		Withdrawn, &c.	Decided ex parte.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.
Backergunge	1st Sub-Judge	24	34	38	96	213	64	...	248	
	2nd ditto	8	24	22	54	97	38	...	152	...
Beerbhoom		14	3	22	39	22	23	...	144	...
Bhaugulpore	1st Sub-Judge	13	8	17	38	20	26	...	171	
	2nd ditto	82	73	153	308	173	91	...	92	...
Burdwan	1st Sub-Judge	23	39	44	106	110	57	1	252	...
	2nd ditto	4	1	2	7	2	3	...	118	...
Bankura		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong		15	6	17	38	53	34	...	399	...
Cuttack		32	28	33	93	182	46	...	...	...
Dacca	1st Sub-Judge	50	72	103	225	260	128	...	177	...
	2nd ditto	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	158	...
	3rd ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	135	
Dinagepore		12	46	16	74	24	14	4	53	..
Dy. Commissioner of Darjeeling as Sub-Judge		5	2	6	13	5	2	...	3	
Furreedpore	1st Sub-Judge	9	22	39	70	86	29	...	79	...
	2nd ditto	...	...	1	1	...	13	...	447	...
Gya		74	14	138	226	201	113	2	268	...
Hooghly	1st Sub-Judge	...	...	...	...	1	9	...	48	...
	2nd ditto	40	70	67	177	178	106	1	216	...
	3rd ditto	3	1	10	14	1	18	...	624	...
Jessore	1st Sub-Judge	12	34	50	96	90	76	3	334	...
	2nd ditto	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	67	
Midnapore	1st Sub-Judge	52	29	60	141	124	104	...	175	...
	2nd ditto	5	1	10	16	...	15	...	568	...
Moorshedabad		23	32	46	101	129	55	...	69	..
Mymensingh		26	37	57	120	160	47	4	507	...
Noakhally		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea		18	36	43	97	121	57	...	277	...
Patna	1st Sub-Judge	16	2	29	47	114	43	...	646	...
	2nd ditto	80	50	191	321	91	60	...	25	...
Pubna		27	32	49	108	83	70	...	193	...
Purneah		424	238	103	765*	125	44	3	...	...
Rajshahye		24	30	50	104	92	40	1	...	...
Rungpore		7	36	30	73	71	23	...	372	..
Sub-Judge of Julpigoree		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Sarun	1st Sub-Judge	55	22	89	166	149	106	...	256	...
	2nd ditto	40	36	75	151	29	20	...	375	...
Shahabad	1st Sub-Judge	42	17	91	150	110	66	...	278	...
	2nd ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	...
Tipperah	1st Sub-Judge	13	30	24	67	87	46	1	658	...
	2nd ditto	3	4	17	24	35	51	...	487	...
Tirhoot	1st Sub-Judge	71	47	150	268	166	113	1	227	...
	2nd ditto	38	53	158	249	115	78	...	290	..
24-Pergunnahs	1st Sub-Judge	40	25	85	150	119	72	1	273	..
	2nd ditto	29	43	67	139	125	69	...	255	...
Chota Nagpore		39	39	102	180	137	131	...	296	27
	Total	1,493	1,316	2,304	5,113	3,900	2,206	22	10,466	27

* Including cases disposed of under powers of Small Cause Court Judge up to Rs. 50.

P 4.

Showing the number of suits and miscellaneous cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1881.

DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFI.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
Backergunge	Covenanted Munsif	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
	Burisal, 1st	347	908	315	1,570	793	202	40
	Do., 2nd	599	1,621	282	2,502	927	274	179
	Do., 3rd	363	1,127	204	1,694	602	157	25
	Do., 4th	152	248	150	550	189	24	10
	Do., 5th	3	32	4	39	...	...	...
	Dukhin Shahabazpore, 1st	72	29	179	280	3	3	16
	Do. do., 2nd	524	846	411	1,781	736	140	13
	Do. do., 3rd	548	789	455	1,792	528	145	41
	Patuakhally, 1st	533	1,266	404	2,203	754	143	324
	Do., 2nd	825	1,039	343	2,207	539	104	35
	Do., 3rd	153	405	279	837	73	43	...
	Perozepore, 1st	554	1,341	478	2,373	1,218	188	15
	Do., 2nd	335	958	427	1,720	692	241	10
	Do., 3rd	37	32	36	105	...	2	...
	Total	5,046	10,641	3,967	19,654	7,054	1,666	708
Beerbhoom	Soory	490	324	328	1,142	540	73	39
	Doobrajpore	482	249	259	990	192	46	13
	Bholepore	608	472	390	1,470	457	100	56
	Rampore Haut	737	458	465	1,660	518	53	39
	Total	2,317	1,503	1,442	5,262	1,707	272	147
Bhaugulpore	Bhaugulpore	461	463	447	1,371	368	103	536
	Monghyr	598	628	556	1,782	638	212	1,103
	Jumooee	220	256	233	709	163	36	186
	Begoo Serai.	650	348	474	1,472	384	104	185
	Modheypoora	1,402	1,257	535	3,194	459	56	29
	Banka	504	268	234	1,006	111	48	304
	Total	3,835	3,220	2,479	9,534	2,123	559	2,343
Burdwan	Sudder, 1st	605	464	227	1,296	320	131	64
	Do., 2nd	577	475	350	1,402	496	123	64
	Do., 3rd	578	550	291	1,419	445	118	193
	Culna	820	469	297	1,586	371	120	294
	Katwa, 1st	573	659	420	1,652	544	130	126
	Do., 2nd.	529	398	376	1,303	417	80	101
	Budbud	523	699	446	1,668	727	151	158
	Ranegunge	688	262	420	1,370	324	96	125
	Covenanted Munsif	13	6	2	21	...	...	...
	Total	4,906	3,982	2,829	11,717	3,644	949	1,125
Bankura	Bankura	889	552	356	1,797	739	109	73
	Gungajulghati	395	265	263	923	343	77	147
	Bishenpore	838	399	385	1,622	795	138	46
	Kotulpore	465	330	240	1,035	481	99	49
	Khattra	512	274	345	1,131	500	63	40
	Total	3,099	1,820	1,589	6,508	2,858	486	355
Chittagong	Sudder	246	165	584	995	275	84	26
	Meerserai	618	517	634	1,769	831	116	36
	Satkanea	519	178	380	1,077	403	63	36
	North Raojan	246	504	335	1,085	667	70	27
	South do.	386	169	303	858	313	39	21
	North Putteah	406	265	261	932	979	92	30
	South do.	510	476	438	1,424	1,029	117	43
	Hathhazari	366	211	562	1,139	360	62	30
	Futtickchery	474	166	420	1,060	277	45	45
	Anwara	441	204	249	894	317	48	14
	Cox's Bazar.	292	138	165	595	266	16	6
	Total	4,504	2,993	4,331	11,828	5,717	752	314

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DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFI.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Cuttack	Sudder, 1st	2,348	441	303	3,092	180	71	...
	Do., 2nd	42	9	82	133	42	21	...
	Balasore	726	288	217	1,231	306	71	...
	Pooree	733	912	193	1,838	278	127	...
	Jujpore	1,472	301	310	2,083	578	144	...
	Total	5,321	1,951	1,105	8,377	1,384	434	...
Dacca	Sudder, 1st	241	1,056	307	1,604	414	109	5
	Do., 2nd	422	1,774	468	2,664	387	109	48
	Do., 3rd	56	39	60	155	1	2	...
	Kaligunge, 1st	198	1,212	421	1,831	241	63	157
	Do., 2nd	471	576	323	1,370	263	30	36
	Manikgunge, 1st.	575	888	528	1,991	438	135	121
	Do., 2nd	737	654	499	1,890	507	93	107
	Do., 3rd	581	739	325	1,645	248	86	88
	Moonshigunge, 1st	846	1,818	759	3,423	1,086	180	468
	Do., 2nd	241	1,964	608	2,813	550	89	49
	Do., 3rd	37	14	69	120	...	...	...
	Total	4,405	10,734	4,367	19,506	4,135	896	1,079
Dinagepore	Sudder	511	805	411	1,727	293	126	173
	Terai	44	15	19	78	18	5	...
	Extra Munsif	40	70	40	150	...	3	...
	Putnitollah	185	317	106	608	55	7	248
	Covenanted Munsif	1	4	1	6	...	...	...
	Hemtabad	506	462	341	1,309	184	12	194
	Thacoorgong, 1st	470	539	188	1,197	281	50	355
	Do., 2nd	68	88	69	225	...	3	...
	Chintamun	359	625	191	1,175	113	60	92
	Sub-Judge with powers of Munsif	458	400	239	1,097	98	36	...
	Small Cause Court Judge of Darjeeling with powers of Munsif	30	30	12	72	34	1	...
	Small Cause Court Judge of Kurseong with powers of Munsif	3	3	1	7	1	...	...
	Total	2,675	3,358	1,618	7,651	1,077	303	1,062
Furreedpore	Sudder	462	851	486	1,799	964	85	49
	Bhanga, 1st	969	1,364	396	2,729	552	71	...
	Do., 2nd	786	2,051	508	3,345	650	77	6
	Goalundo, 1st	462	305	265	1,032	493	126	65
	Do., 2nd	659	452	381	1,492	404	52	37
	Madaripore	446	1,978	411	2,835	862	80	129
	Moolfutgunge, 1st	426	662	264	1,352	321	69	19
	Do., 2nd	719	1,093	445	2 257	210	59	43
	Total	4,929	8,756	3,156	16,841	4,456	619	348
Gya	Sudder, 1st	413	237	390	1,040	393	136	107
	Do., 2nd	295	178	429	902	357	104	345
	Arungabad	111	80	188	379	131	29	34
	Total	819	495	1,007	2,321	881	269	486
Hooghly	Sudder, 1st	479	315	271	1,065	448	116	92
	Do., 2nd	420	352	337	1,109	325	114	296
	Howrah, 1st	571	595	291	1,457	691	229	737
	Do., 2nd	335	326	370	1,031	54	93	...
	Serampore	902	1,101	637	2,640	717	248	1,037
	Haripal	600	344	356	1,300	565	141	205
	Moheshrekha, 1st	813	250	202	1,265	323	165	418
	Do., 2nd	670	443	286	1,399	377	158	227
	Jehanabad, 1st	540	335	290	1,165	417	133	507
	Do., 2nd	542	303	183	1,028	216	65	...
	Total	5,872	4,364	3,223	13,459	4,133	1,462	3,519

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DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFI.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Jessore	Sudder, 1st	712	703	462	1,877	870	107	25
	Do., 2nd	610	1,173	639	2,422	1,196	209	39
	Do., 3rd	681	1,288	724	2,693	1,071	210	64
	Narail, 1st	365	707	459	1,531	1,046	128	100
	Do., 2nd	384	786	455	1,625	776	122	44
	Jhenidah	728	787	799	2,314	1,022	122	157
	Bagirhat, 1st	682	927	552	2,161	571	73	70
	Do., 2nd	301	376	407	1,084	331	188	64
	Magoorah	767	960	613	2,340	879	89	93
	Khoolneah	1,093	1,620	879	3,592	1,215	230	115
	Total	6,323	9,327	5,989	21,639	8,977	1,478	771
Midnapore	Sudder, 1st	2,190	1,606	483	4,279	1,443	196	216
	Do., 2nd	719	317	211	1,247	550	121	61
	Dantoon	507	221	110	838	148	86	35
	Nemal, 1st	772	414	365	1,551	701	206	123
	Do., 2nd	402	316	2,200	2,918	184	51	...
	Do., 3rd	236	79	127	442	125	44	...
	Gurbetta, 1st	689	776	220	1,685	701	200	354
	Do., 2nd	179	228	85	492	6	2	...
	Tumlook, 1st	953	594	424	1,971	512	251	751
	Do., 2nd	494	120	313	927	148	82	...
	Do., 3rd	302	...	212	514	...	14	...
	Ghattal, 1st	635	299	381	1,315	323	143	796
	Do., 2nd	156	75	109	340	5	15	...
	Total	8,234	5,045	5,240	18,519	4,846	1,411	2,336
Moorshedabad	Sudder, 1st	624	1,087	496	2,207	441	79	59
	Do., 2nd	637	598	182	1,417	329	56	94
	Do., extra	18	18	108	144	...	...	...
	Kandi	857	651	581	2,089	506	126	148
	Do., additional	7	1	63	71	...	...	...
	Jungipore	1,084	1,639	865	3,538	749	154	180
	Azimgunge	750	1,132	372	2,254	456	101	80
	Total	3,927	5,126	2,667	11,720	2,481	516	561
Mymensingh	Sudder	898	898	596	2,392	319	84	179
	Ishragunge	68	940	342	1,350	310	33	36
	Ghosegong	283	1,180	332	1,795	475	62	37
	Hoseinpore, 1st	308	444	326	1,078	228	22	26
	Do., 2nd	438	527	397	1,362	368	24	23
	Pingna	384	976	467	1,827	245	89	25
	Sherepore	127	497	218	842	217	63	21
	Attia, 1st	340	1,077	660	2,077	487	91	109
	Do., 2nd	217	593	298	1,108	320	66	35
	Jamalpore	357	739	390	1,486	249	73	9
	Nitrokona, 1st	311	1,276	412	1,999	441	60	6
	Do., 2nd	491	845	348	1,684	583	44	6
	Bazitpore	221	853	247	1,321	896	30	9
	Total	4,443	10,845	5,083	20,321	4,588	741	521
Noakhally	Soodharam, 1st	622	680	464	1,766	697	116	43
	Do., 2nd	233	363	275	871	399	49	...
	Lukhipore, 1st	589	704	303	1,596	862	107	24
	Do., 2nd	459	677	376	1,512	710	110	...
	Sundeep	451	300	684	1,435	515	79	8
	Begumgunge	775	668	401	1,844	739	38	73
	Dewangunge	591	502	517	1,610	759	38	118
	Total	3,720	3,894	3,020	10,634	4,681	537	266

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DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFI.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Nuddea	Kishnaghur, 1st	306	515	287	1,108	374	63	88
	Do., 2nd	108	91	99	298	227	23	...
	Kooshteah, 1st	263	247	318	828	436	177	19
	Do., 2nd	148	259	209	616	314	99	19
	Bongong, 1st	905	775	528	2,208	504	76	37
	Do., 2nd	506	318	198	1,022	460	28	42
	Meherpore	222	268	140	625	293	43	46
	Ranaghaut	475	316	263	1,054	489	122	132
	Chooadanga	246	265	146	657	350	42	67
	Total	3,179	3,049	2,188	8,416	3,447	673	450
Patna	Sudder, 1st	345	151	265	761	523	193	291
	Do., 2nd	188	46	435	699	324	108	481
	Do., 3rd	739	287	875	1,901	266	49	158
	Behar	333	98	393	819	322	77	67
	Total	1,605	577	1,968	4,150	1,435	427	997
Pubna and Bogra	Pubna	414	566	714	1,694	541	127	85
	Bogra, 1st	725	834	293	1,852	428	66	114
	Do., 2nd	307	321	137	765	109	21	102
	Shazadpore	543	461	303	1,307	507	58	126
	Serajgunge	458	1,215	343	2,016	427	107	88
	Total	2,447	3,397	1,790	7,634	2,012	379	515
Purneah	Sudder	281	851	456	1,588	288	174	321
	Kudba	568	297	115	980	123	26	82
	Arrareah, 1st	267	216	201	684	182	84	492
	Do., 2nd	402	573	465	1,440	89	59	...
	Kissengunge	1,192	888	891	2,971	482	150	812
	Total	2,710	2,825	2,128	7,663	1,164	493	1,707
Rajshahye	Beaulcah	713	404	279	1,396	296	114	346
	Nattore, 1st	872	426	300	1,598	334	82	131
	Do., 2nd	46	18	113	177	1	5	...
	Malda	1,164	644	573	2,381	422	77	135
	Seebgunge	406	954	484	1,844	456	99	41
	Total	3,201	2,446	1,749	7,396	1,509	377	653
Rungpore	Rungpore, 1st	750	831	366	1,947	278	56	18
	Do., 2nd	300	340	280	920	175	48	6
	Do., 3rd	293	437	242	972	290	56	29
	Kurigaon, 1st	784	479	606	1,869	331	72	196
	Do., 2nd	571	883	500	1,954	265	174	24
	Nelphmaree, 1st	768	646	319	1,733	499	50	21
	Do., 2nd	363	304	211	878	11	10	...
	Gaibanda, 1st	396	523	229	1,148	348	60	17
	Do., 2nd	285	321	210	816	229	60	17
	Julpigoree	571	424	252	1,247	244	59	...
	Olipore	84	32	17	133	25	7	...
	Total	5,165	5,220	3,232	13,617	2,695	652	328

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Showing the number of suits and miscellaneous cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1881—concluded.

DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFI.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial
Sarun	Chupra, 1st	494	425	281	1,200	87	58	227
	Do. 2nd	298	153	274	725	451	36	369
	Do. 3rd	212	150	189	551	295	105	81
	Sewan	461	299	583	1,343	424	207	506
	Motiharee, 1st	863	302	305	1,470	301	95	1,416
	Do., 2nd	51	40	40	131	...	...	...
	Total	2,379	1,369	1,672	5,420	1,558	490	2,595
Shahabad	Arrah, 1st	659	368	385	1,412	674	136	155
	Do., 2nd	586	320	741	1,647	395	113	558
	Do., 3rd	10	5	3	18	...	...	...
	Buxar	581	442	565	1,588	658	148	654
	Sasseeram	580	155	346	1,081	325	130	369
	Total	2,416	1,290	2,040	5,746	2,052	527	1,736
Tipperah	Commillah, 1st	564	378	614	1,556	331	78	80
	Do., 2nd	256	245	372	873	285	86	31
	Do., 3rd	223	206	279	708	152	23	17
	Brahmunbariah, 1st	624	1,531	596	2,751	768	96	55
	Do., 2nd	321	484	318	1,123	361	57	13
	Chandpore	942	1,629	810	3,381	1,229	63	42
	Kusba Noornuggur	484	556	577	1,617	463	77	57
	Ram Roygram	714	356	717	1,787	378	61	462
	Mooradnuggur, 1st	605	639	398	1,642	555	120	245
	Do., 2nd	736	1,163	608	2,507	463	90	434
	Do., 3rd	572	444	460	1,476	359	35	401
	Do., 4th	463	287	486	1,236	58	9	...
	Total	6,504	7,918	6,235	20,657	5,402	795	1,837
Tirhoot	Mozufferpore, 1st	328	260	387	975	196	54	133
	Do., 2nd	421	262	524	1,207	449	111	331
	Tajpore	334	387	984	1,705	822	58	619
	Hazipore, 1st	457	190	418	1,065	458	128	206
	Do., 2nd	17	...	105	122	...	3	...
	Modhubanee	198	164	347	709	329	135	712
	Durbhangah, 1st	267	220	378	865	351	109	376
	Do., 2nd	152	94	141	387	8	14	..
	Seetamarhee	343	242	391	976	400	108	322
	Total	2,517	1,819	3,675	8,011	3,013	720	2,629
24-Pergunnahs	Alipore, 1st	457	320	274	1,051	358	74	200
	Do., 2nd	630	448	346	1,424	419	130	131
	Do., 3rd	554	292	265	1,111	75	34	...
	Diamond Harbour, 1st	1,036	1,006	461	2,503	1,090	139	386
	Do., 2nd	420	520	427	1,367	730	153	212
	Do., 3rd	78	11	58	147	5	5	...
	Baraset, 1st	686	646	512	1,844	526	72	109
	Do., 2nd	433	267	206	906	339	90	45
	Satkhirah, 1st	517	571	299	1,387	491	128	19
	Do., 2nd	857	805	600	2,262	785	131	56
	Bussirhat, 1st	775	727	504	2,006	533	93	297
	Do., 2nd	583	391	427	1,401	377	92	52
	Sealdah	558	490	373	1,421	478	146	29
	Baripore, 1st	818	373	299	1,520	437	109	367
	Do., 2nd	373	201	291	865	...	15	...
	Total	8,805	7,068	5,342	21,215	6,643	1,411	1,893
Chota Nagpore	Lohardugga	67	26	39	132	61	14	...
	Ranchee	171	78	157	406	134	34	...
	Palamow	215	31	100	346	99	14	...
	Hazaribagh	150	49	71	270	89	40	...
	Chattra	81	40	53	174	58	32	...
	Khurruckdea	248	285	200	733	167	47	...
	Purulia	387	136	293	816	378	40	...
	Burabazar	159	79	194	432	81	34	...
	Raghunathpore	258	132	260	650	265	38	...
	Gobindpore	56	16	14	86	15	1	...
	Total	1,792	872	1,381	4,045	1,347	294	...
	Grand Total	117,095	125,904	86,462	329,461	97,019	20,588	31,351

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Average duration of cases.

DISTRICTS.	Procedure.	District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsifs.		Small Cause Court Judges.	
		Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.
		Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Backergunge	O.	0 6 8	0 3 5	0 7 19	0 2 23	0 5 3	0 2 17	0 1 4	0 0 28
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 2 7	0 1 1	...	...
Beerbhoom	O.	0 3 4	0 3 29	0 4 5	0 3 13	0 4 12	0 1 26	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 2	0 0 23	...	...
Bhaugulpore	...	...	...	0 6 10	0 1 19	0 2 8	0 1 6	0 0 28	0 0 22
Burdwan	O.	0 7 8	0 4 12	0 4 28	0 2 27	0 4 1	0 2 3	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 1	0 0 25	..	...
Bankura	O.	0 11 12	0 6 1	...	...	0 3 15	0 1 21	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 17	0 1 1	...	...
Chittagong	O.	0 2 17	1 3 15	0 7 26	0 3 14	0 2 20	0 1 13	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 1	0 0 27	..	...
Cuttack	O.	0 8 28	0 7 5	0 10 20	0 5 24	0 3 28	0 1 17	0 0 19	0 0 16
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 5	0 1 0	...	...
Dacca	O.	0 3 21	0 3 2	0 7 29	0 3 19	0 4 6	0 1 23	0 1 12	0 0 26
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 19	0 1 3	...	...
Dinagepore	O.	0 2 1	0 1 15	0 4 25	0 1 29	0 3 12	0 1 19	0 1 19	0 1 2
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 0	0 0 29	...	...
Fureedpore	O.	0 9 23	0 8 19	0 11 21	0 3 16	0 4 6	0 1 25	0 1 11	0 1 8
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 20	0 0 24	...	...
Gya	O.	3 1 5	...	0 10 20	0 2 9	0 3 25	0 2 12	...	..
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 12	0 1 11	...	...
Hooghly	O.	1 0 26	1 1 26	0 7 23	0 2 21	0 2 28	0 1 18	0 1 6	0 1 7
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 6	0 0 28	...	...
Jessore	O.	0 3 17	0 3 5	0 5 0	0 1 20	0 2 16	0 1 18	0 0 24	0 0 15
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 24	0 0 21	...	...
Midnapore	O.	0 1 19	...	0 10 1	0 4 29	0 7 25	0 2 18	0 1 3	0 0 25
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 3	0 0 28	...	...
Moorshedabad	O.	0 9 16	0 7 2	0 6 21	0 2 13	0 4 7	0 2 3	0 0 22	0 0 21
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 4	0 1 2	...	...
Mymensingh	O.	0 7 2	0 10 4	0 11 29	0 4 25	0 3 6	0 1 11	...	...
	S.	..	...	...	...	0 1 29	0 1 4	...	...
Noakhally	O.	0 4 24	0 3 20	...	...	0 3 4	0 1 15	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 24	0 0 19	...	...
Nuddea	O.	0 5 15	0 1 27	0 8 15	0 2 5	0 3 20	0 1 21	0 0 22	0 0 20
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 3	0 0 24	...	...
Patna	...	0 2 19	0 5 15	0 6 22	0 2 27	0 4 12	0 2 4	0 0 24	0 0 17
Pubna and Bogra	O.	0 5 9	...	0 11 2	0 3 23	0 4 21	0 1 29	0 0 17	0 0 15
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 8	0 1 1	...	...
Purneah	O.	0 8 13	...	0 4 10	0 2 8	0 4 14	0 1 9	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 0 20	0 0 20	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	O.	0 4 14	0 5 0	0 7 27	0 3 24	0 4 8	0 1 17	0 1 0	0 1 2
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 14	0 1 3	...	...
Rungpore	O.	0 6 6	0 6 23	1 0 1	0 2 5	0 4 15	0 2 6	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	1 0 12	0 6 3	...	...
Sarun	O.	0 5 5	0 3 0	0 9 1	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 2 9	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 9	0 1 1	...	...
Shahabad	O.	0 0 23	...	0 11 17	0 10 4	0 4 4	0 1 24	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 29	0 1 2	...	...
Tipperah	O.	0 4 28	...	0 7 8	0 2 21	0 4 2	0 1 26	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 22	0 1 10	...	...
Tirhoot	O.	...	...	0 9 2	0 4 17	0 4 8	0 2 4	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 0	0 0 14	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	O.	0 2 16	0 4 2	0 10 6	0 4 25	0 3 9	0 1 22	0 0 21	0 0 13
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 4	0 0 25	...	...
Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	0 7 26	0 2 24	0 2 9	0 3 8	...	...
General average	O.	0 6 10	0 5 28	0 8 11	0 3 16	0 3 29	0 1 26	0 0 28	0 0 22
	S.	...	...	0 0 20	0 0 20	0 1 24	0 1 6	...	...

* O. indicates suits disposed of under the procedure generally applicable in the Regular Civil Courts.
S. indicates suits disposed of under Small Cause Court powers.

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Total Receipts and Charges of Civil Courts, 1881.

Districts.	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.	Deficit.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	3,13,249	1,25,357	1,87,892	...
Beerbhoom	96,198	76,400	19,798	...
Bhaugulpore	2,83,565	1,11,682	1,71,883	...
Burdwan	1,84,167	1,07,954	76,213	...
Bankura	1,07,475	63,870	43,605	...
Chittagong	1,81,190	1,32,185	49,005	...
Cuttack	1,29,531	80,599	48,932	...
Dacca	3,51,236	1,38,310	2,12,926	...
Dinagepore	1,50,443	92,623	57,820	...
Furreedpore	2,12,317	1,03,044	1,09,273	...
Gya	1,12,144	85,670	26,474	...
Hooghly	2,93,782	1,43,854	1,49,928	...
Jessore	3,84,025	1,70,876	2,13,149	...
Midnapore	2,34,207	1,29,638	1,04,569	..
Moorshedabad	1,46,938	98,565	48,373	...
Mymensingh	3,39,628	1,26,842	2,12,786	...
Noakhally	1,55,619	78,865	76,754	...
Nuddea	2,44,592	1,46,835	97,757	...
Patna	1,88,777	90,710	98,067	...
Pubna and Bogra	1,65,390	76,325	89,065	...
Purneah	1,36,593	77,630	58,963	...
Rajshahye	1,68,506	74,367	94,139	...
Rungpore	1,92,985	1,06,375	86,610	...
Sarun	1,69,145	88,705	80,440	...
Shahabad	1,62,854	76,135	86,689	...
Tipperah	2,51,176	1,43,249	1,07,927	...
Tirhoot	3,10,687	1,08,537	2,02,150	...
24-Pergunnahs	3,86,689	2,03,162	1,83,527	...
Chota Nagpore	1,13,041	1,24,285	...	11,2
Total	61,66,149	31,82,679	29,83,470	...
Calcutta	9,57,407	11,70,328	...	2,12,921
GRAND TOTAL	71,23,556	43,53,007	27,70,549	...

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Details of the Receipts and Charges of the several classes of Civil Courts.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS.						CHARGES.						
	In Court-fee Stamps.		In cash or special Stamps.			Total.	Share of officer's salary debitable to Civil Justice.	Establishments.			Contingencies.		Total.
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Other receipts credited to Government.			Process servers.	Salaried copying and comparing clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists not on the paid establishment.	Contingencies and refunds.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	91,811	2,02,030	295	13,390	5,723	3,13,249	52,441	26,318	508	31,860	6,904	7,326	1,25,357
Beerbhoom	28,392	57,885	79	5,083	4,759	96,198	38,768	18,148	240	15,476	2,541	1,227	76,400
Bhaugulpore	57,354	2,06,652	320	13,374	5,865	2,83,565	50,936	23,344	360	26,142	6,637	4,213	1,11,682
Burdwan	50,031	1,21,151	106	10,463	2,416	1,84,167	54,130	19,687	770	24,723	5,231	3,413	1,07,954
Bankura	35,174	62,011	459	7,652	2,179	1,07,475	28,469	15,502	240	13,458	3,895	2,306	63,870
Chittagong	55,853	1,10,198	337	12,322	2,480	1,81,190	62,066	30,791	600	27,409	6,161	5,158	1,32,185
Cuttack	32,158	89,167	636	5,757	1,813	1,29,531	41,352	14,026	263	19,573	2,911	2,474	80,599
Dacca	1,01,082	2,25,486	186	20,430	4,052	3,51,236	63,367	25,739	414	31,685	9,705	7,400	1,38,310
Dinagepore	32,521	1,12,063	798	3,486	1,575	1,50,443	53,376	16,408	289	18,581	1,665	2,304	92,623
Furreedpore	64,382	1,31,642	579	13,288	1,926	2,12,317	47,292	20,988	184	23,577	6,612	4,391	1,03,044
Hya	24,442	79,710	228	6,780	984	1,12,144	52,787	12,884	385	13,738	3,390	2,486	85,670
Hooghly	76,788	1,97,112	164	15,670	4,048	2,93,782	73,025	23,674	360	33,516	7,835	5,444	1,43,854
Jessore	1,11,604	2,53,857	263	14,990	3,311	3,84,025	85,378	33,903	300	37,144	7,494	6,657	1,70,876
Midnapore	59,666	1,52,057	278	19,181	3,025	2,34,207	60,578	24,753	410	29,613	9,591	4,693	1,29,638
Moorshedabad	42,499	96,774	77	5,976	1,622	1,46,938	45,910	21,371	360	22,892	2,995	5,037	98,565
Mymensingh	1,19,182	2,00,834	1,042	14,907	3,663	3,39,628	54,201	30,267	272	29,486	7,519	5,097	1,26,842
Noakhally	48,114	97,373	388	8,786	958	1,55,619	36,029	15,308	736	16,904	4,393	5,495	78,865
Nuddea	79,547	1,52,558	402	8,582	3,503	2,44,592	75,319	24,104	360	36,490	4,159	6,403	1,46,835
Patna	40,707	1,37,773	13	9,367	917	1,88,777	48,057	15,826	360	19,727	4,884	1,856	90,710
Pubna and Bogra	52,335	1,04,242	26	7,473	1,314	1,65,390	36,710	14,465	236	18,214	4,144	2,556	76,325
Purneah	27,490	97,102	339	4,106	7,556	1,36,593	43,042	12,080	388	18,168	2,053	1,899	77,630
Rajshahye	38,899	1,16,824	791	6,593	5,399	1,68,506	35,605	13,181	139	18,852	3,293	3,297	74,367
Rungpore	55,284	1,26,693	325	8,223	2,455	1,92,985	49,229	22,564	214	25,387	4,101	4,880	1,06,375
Sarun	34,450	1,29,635	301	4,088	671	1,69,145	44,090	17,428	231	20,690	4,088	2,178	88,705
Shahabad	34,017	1,20,755	100	7,558	424	1,62,854	34,505	17,465	180	17,209	3,629	3,096	76,165
Tipperah	77,326	1,55,384	485	15,429	2,552	2,51,176	67,556	29,291	457	32,456	7,712	5,777	1,43,249
Tirhoot	58,499	2,32,155	1,205	14,709	4,119	3,10,687	58,251	21,664	442	19,066	7,156	1,958	1,08,537
24-Pergunnahs	92,772	2,65,269	369	22,321	5,958	3,86,689	1,11,170	30,363	1,763	41,309	11,134	7,423	2,03,162
Chota Nagpore	26,099	81,136	436	3,868	1,502	1,13,041	67,302	18,535	...	32,611	2,479	3,358	1,24,285
Total for Courts in interior — Small Cause Courts	1,48,684	2,87,589	336	3,324	1,802	4,41,735	1,09,645	35,247	...	59,536	1,594	11,660	2,17,682
Total for Courts in interior — Munsifs	12,44,670	24,70,731	7,958	1,58,611	22,721	39,04,691	6,75,688	3,62,778	1,934	3,17,264	79,324	50,977	14,87,965
Total for Courts in interior — Subordinate Judges	1,64,878	8,10,811	1,744	10,439	4,141	9,92,013	3,09,254	37,090	...	72,940	4,563	7,027	4,30,874
Total for Courts in interior — Judges and Additional Judges	90,736	5,46,397	989	1,31,483	58,105	8,27,710	4,76,354	1,74,962	9,527	2,66,297	68,880	50,138	10,46,158
Total	16,48,968	41,15,528	11,027	3,03,857	86,769	61,66,149	15,70,941	6,10,077	11,461	7,16,037	1,54,361	1,19,802	31,82,679
Total for Courts at the Presidency — Presidency Small Cause Court	2,76,683	329	62	...	3,136	2,80,210	71,167	6,056	...	77,219	...	47,431	2,01,873
Total for Courts at the Presidency — High Court — Appellate Side	...	1,83,725	...	...	19,267	2,02,992	4,11,000	...	...	2,21,061	...	40,032	6,72,093
Total for Courts at the Presidency — High Court — Original Side	...	4,35,054	25	...	39,126	4,74,205	1,11,000	...	...	1,70,459	...	14,903	2,96,362
Total	2,76,683	6,19,108	87	...	61,529	9,57,407	5,93,167	6,056	...	4,68,739	...	1,02,366	11,70,328
Grand Total	19,25,651	47,34,636	11,114	3,03,857	1,48,298	71,23,556	21,64,108	6,16,133	11,461	11,84,776	1,54,361	2,22,168	43,53,007

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Statement showing the number of Probates, Letters of Administration, and Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860, granted in Bengal during the year 1881, and the amount of duty realised thereon.

Scale of values.	Court.	Number of Probates or Letters of Administration with Will annexed.	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Letters of Administration (as in the case of intestacy).	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860.	Amount of Court-fees paid.
			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Not exceeding 1,000	High Court	5	...	8	...	...	...
	District Court	220	...	10	...	1,195	...
Above 1,000 up to 5,000	High Court	39	2,119	64	3,267	...	...
	District Court	109	5,595	14	860	237	10,969
Above 5,000 up to 10,000	High Court	16	2,616	24	3,565	...	...
	District Court	22	3,351	1	130	35	5,021
Above 10,000 up to 50,000	High Court	54	27,603	22	10,900	...	...
	District Court	30	14,740	2	1,406	25	12,122
Above 50,000 up to 1,00,000	High Court	13	15,549	4	5,768	...	...
	District Court	3	5,488	...	...	1	1,600
Above 1,00,000	High Court	23	1,46,147	2	6,630	...	...
	District Court	3	27,768	...	...	1	2,820
Total	High Court	150	1,94,034	124	30,230	...	...
	District Court	387	56,942	27	2,396	1,494	32,532
Total — Dutiable	All Courts	312	2,50,976	133	32,626	299	32,532
Total — Not dutiable	All Courts	225	...	18	...	1,195	...
GRAND TOTAL	...	537	2,50,976	151	32,626	1,494	32,532

U.

Receipts and Disbursements on account of Ameens, 1881-82.

Districts.	Permanent Ameens.		Temporary Ameens.		Fees paid for the employment of Munsifs as Commissioners.	Number of permanent Ameens with grade.	
	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Receipts.	Disbursements.		1st Grade.	2nd Grade.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
Backergunge	2,678	1,780	...	...	...	1	2
Beerbhoom	201	600	...	...	...	...	1
Bhaugulpore	1,223	1,300	...	...	48	1	1
Burdwan	1,233	1,048	...	...	10	...	2
Bankura	755	600	254	273	10	...	1
Chittagong	1,188	1,440	...	...	50	1	1
Cuttack	1,115	676	...	...	...	1	...
Dacca	2,142	1,425	144	158	20	1	1
Dinagepore	691	598	...	...	...	...	1
Furreedpore	1,283	1,304	1,741	1,613	...	1	...
Gya	630	600	...	...	10	...	1
Hooghly	991	600	24	...	8	...	1
Jessore	1,818	1,417	...	...	40	1	1
Midnapore	662	795	...	...	11	...	1
Moorshedabad	632	840	...	...	36	1	...
Mymensingh	2,910	2,040	199	199	127	1	2
Noakhally	842	562	138	127	...	...	1
Nuddea	336	600	81	...	40	...	1
Patna	864	600	...	...	...	...	1
Pubna and Bogra	768	840	375	402	20	1	...
Purneah	981	600	...	...	30	...	1
Rajshahye	1,555	1,200	...	...	10	...	2
Rungpore	1,288	2,380	9	...	10	1	3
Sarun	666	840	...	...	...	1	...
Shahabad	768	1,167	...	...	...	...	2
Tipperah	723	600	...	...	...	...	1
Tirhoot	2,488	2,093	...	...	...	...	4
24-Pergunnahs	615	790	1,402	1,123	20	1	...
Chota Nagpore	1,351	1,726	134	134	...	...	3
Add 10 per cent. on account of pensions	...	3,106	...	...	...	...	...
Total	33,397	34,167	4,501	4,029	500	13	35

V.

Statistics of Local Enquiries, 1881.

Bengal.

Scale of values.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Average value.	Aggregate cost of local enquiry only.	Average cost of local enquiry.	Average time occupied in enquiry.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Days.
Cases not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	42	160	4	714	17	3
Ditto „ 20 ...	209	2,895	14	3,924	19	4
Ditto „ 50 ...	272	9,686	35	5,514	20	4
Ditto „ 100 ...	225	17,475	78	6,904	30	6
Ditto „ 500 ...	382	85,977	225	12,236	32	6
Ditto „ 1,000 ...	105	74,351	708	4,190	40	9
Cases exceeding „ 1,000 ...	195	10,37,770	5,321	14,207	72	17
Total ...	1,430	12,28,314	858·9	47,689	33	...

W.

Number of Applications for a Declaration of Insolvency instituted, disposed of, and pending in the past as compared with the previous year.

DISTRICTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
Backergunge	12	10	9	13	4	1
Beerbhoom	6	8	5	7	1	2
Bhaugulpore	7	9	7	8	...	1
Burdwan	11	10	9	11	3	...
Bankura		7		8		1
Chittagong	7	9	9	8	3	4
Cuttack	4	4	4	4	1	1
Dacca	23	21	21	22	5	4
Dinagepore	10	7	8	8	2	1
Furreedpore	4	4	3	3	1	2
Gya	9	13	9	13	...	...
Hooghly	22	22	13	16	13	19
Jessore	8	11	8	9	...	2
Midnapore	17	18	21	19	2	1
Moorshedabad	14	12	12	12	3	3
Mymensingh	7	10	7	7	1	4
Noakhally	...	9	3	8	...	1
Nuddea	7	10	7	7	1	4
Patna	26	26	23	30	8	4
Pubna and Bogra	2	8	2	4	1	5
Purneah	5	2	5	3	1	...
Rajshahye	3	5	4	4	...	1
Rungpore	11	5	9	6	2	1
Sarun	7	8	7	8	1	1
Shahabad	5	4	5	4	...	...
Tipperah	10	10	10	10	2	2
Tirhoot	12	16	11	14	2	4
24-Pergunnahs	21	35	19	30	6	11
Chota Nagpore	5	6	6	2	...	4
TOTAL	275	319	256	298	63	84

W 1.

Number of persons declared to be insolvent, and of those who obtained their discharge during the past as compared with the previous year.

DISTRICTS.	DECLARED TO BE INSOLVENTS		DISCHARGED.		PENDING.	
	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
Backergunge	9	5	9	5	...	...
Beerbhoom	1	4	1	4	...	...
Bhaugulpore	4	4	4	4	...	...
Burdwan	5	2	5	2	...	...
Bankura		5		5	...	...
Chittagong	1	3	1	3	...	...
Cuttack	...	1	...	1	...	...
Dacca	4	7	4	7	...	...
Dinagepore	4	1	3	1	1	1
Furreedpore	...	1	...	1	...	...
Gya	2	2	2	2	...	...
Hooghly	3	6	3	6	...	...
Jessore	5	7	5	7	...	...
Midnapore	1	1	1	1	...	...
Moorshedabad	7	3	8	3	...	...
Mymensingh	2	4	2	4	...	...
Noakhally	1	4	1	4	...	...
Nuddea	2	4	2	4	...	...
Patna	8	11	8	11	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	...	1	...	1	...	...
Purneah	1	2	...	2	...	...
Rajshahye	1	1	1	1	...	...
Rungpore	3	1	3	1	...	...
Sarun	1	...	1	...	...	...
Shahabad	1	1	1	1	...	...
Tipperah	7	6	7	6	...	...
Tirhoot	4	7	4	6	...	1
24-Pergunnahs	9	19	9	17	...	2
Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	86	113	85	110	1	4

W 2.

Realisations and Disbursements by Receivers appointed under Section 35 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

DISTRICTS.	REALISED.		DISBURSED.		BALANCE.	
	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.	1880.	1881.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan Bankura	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	...	113	...	113	...	...
Cuttack	...	26	...	...	...	26
Dacca	...	...	...	...	107	107
Dinagepore	30	151	30	151	...	...
Furreedpore	...	11	...	...	31	42
Gya	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jessore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad	...	1,952	...	1,952	...	...
Mymensingh	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noakhally	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	40	...	...	40	40	...
Patna	...	12	...	12	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	1,441	26	75	1,320	1,366	91
Rajshahye	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot	...	5	...	...	...	5
24-Pergunnahs	...	527	...	3	...	524
Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	1,511	2,823	105	3,591	1,544	795

X.

BUSINESS DISPOSED OF IN THE HIGH COURT IN 1881.

(APPELLATE JURISDICTION.)

Lower Provinces of Bengal, Assam, and British Burmah.

NATURE OF APPEALS.			Remaining at the close of 1880.	Brought before the Court in 1881.	Disposed of in 1881.	Remaining at the close of 1881.	REMARKS.
			A.	B.	C.	D.	
FIRST APPEALS	From Original Decrees	of the Courts in the interior	535	346	327	554	A. Of these 40 are Will cases.
		of the High Court	27	49	47	29	B. Of these 44 are Will cases.
	From Original Orders	of the Courts in the interior	95	224	223	96	C. Of these 51 are Will cases.
		of the High Court	...	...	...	...	D. Of these 33 are Will cases.
SECOND APPEALS	From Appellate Decrees	of the High Court	...	...	...	...	
		of the Courts in the interior	3,366	2,351	2,617	3,100	
	From Appellate Orders	of the High Court	...	...	...	...	
		of the Courts in the interior	46	134	134	46	
THIRD APPEALS	From Appellate Decrees in the High Court	of two Judges hearing Second Appeals	...	...	...	...	
		of one Judge hearing Second Appeals	6	114	103	10	
REFERENCES TO FULL BENCH.	In First Appeals	from Original Decrees	...	3	1	2	
		from Original Orders	...	1	...	1	
	In Second Appeals	from Appellate Decrees	...	8	7	1	
		from Appellate Oders	...	...	...	...	
APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW	In First Appeals	from Original Decrees	...	25	25	...	
		from Original Orders	...	2	2	...	
	In Second Appeals	from Appellate Decrees	...	45	45	...	
		from Appellate Orders	...	3	3	...	
REFERENCES	Under Section 617, Act X of 1877		2	19	17	4	
	Under Section 46, Act I of 1879 (Stamp Act)		2	2	4	...	
	Under Section 12 of the Legal Practitioners' Act		...	3	1	2	
	Under Section 23 of Act X of 1877		...	4	3	1	
Divorce Cases			...	2	...	2	
Miscellaneous Orders in Court			110	1,809	1,795	124	
		TOTAL	4,189	5,144	5,354	3,972	
CRIMINAL.							
CRIMINAL CASES	Appeals		69	749	767	50	
	References under	Section 186, Act X of 1872	...	4	4	...	
		Section 263, ditto	4	25	28	1	
		Section 287, ditto	6	71	69	7	
	Revisions (a)		38	592	592	38	
	Full Bench References		...	4	2	2	
	Miscellaneous orders in Court		...	33	31	2	
		TOTAL	117	1,478	1,493	100	
		GRAND TOTAL	4,306	6,622	6,847	4,072	

DAYS OF SITTINGS WITH NUMBER OF JUDGES.

Days.	Barrister Judges.	Civilian Judges.	Other Judges.
60	3	6	1
1	3	6	...
4	3	5	1
1	3	5	...
5	3	4	1
12	2	6	1
16	2	5	1
3	2	4	1
10	2	3	1
2	2	3	...
2	2	2	1
1	2	1	1
14	1	6	1
7	1	5	1
2	1	5	...
12	1	4	1
2	1	3	1
1	1	3	...
7	1	2	1
14	1	1	...
32	...	5	1
1	...	5	...
7	...	4	1
4	...	4	...
2	...	3	1
1	...	3	...
9	...	1	1
2	...	2	...
10	...	1	...
244	37	107	18

(a)—Includes cases transferred to the file of the High Court under Section 147 of Act X of 1875 from the file of the Presidency Magistrates.

NOTE.—Besides the above, 525 orders were passed out of Court on review of periodical returns (Civil and Criminal) and Sessions Statements. Numerous and important orders, occupying much of the time of the Judges, were also passed on letters and references in the Administrative Department.

Y.

Appeals, &c., instituted in the High Court in the year 1881.

(Showing Divisions and Districts.)

Divisions.	Districts.	Instituted in 1881.					
		Appeals from Decrees.				Appeals from Orders.	
		First Appeals.		Second Appeals.			
		Rs. 10,000 and upwards.	Below Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 50 in value.	Not exceeding Rs. 50 in value.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.
Central Division—							
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	6	16	68	64	18	6
	Nuddea	...	6	36	28	6	6
	Jessore	1	8	47	42	4	1
	Moorshedabad	3	6	11	2	6	1
	Calcutta	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	10	36	162	136	34	14
Burdwan	Burdwan	...	2	32	14	2	2
	Bankura	2	2	13	8	1	...
	Beerbhoom	...	2	17	12	1	1
	Midnapore	2	2	68	34	6	...
	Hooghly	5	7	64	54	9	10
	Total	9	15	194	122	19	13
British Burmah, Recorder	Rangoon	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Moulmein	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	1	...	...	...	...
Western Division—							
Patna	Patna	2	33	156	54	19	6
	Gya	3	7	79	23	9	7
	Shahabad	3	13	25	11	5	3
	Sarun	6	19	40	38	6	2
	Tirhoot	9	35	136	95	12	36
	Total	23	107	436	221	51	54
Bhaugulpore	Bhaugulpore	9	26	94	134	17	3
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	2	...	...	...	...	...
	Purneah	...	2	28	20	1	3
	Total	11	28	122	154	18	6
Chota Nagpore	Chota Nagpore	1	1	54	16	5	3
Cuttack	Cuttack	...	1	27	17	4	1
	Total	1	2	81	33	9	4
Eastern Division—							
Dacca	Dacca	3	8	37	21	4	8
	Furreedpore	3	6	33	52	7	2
	Backergunge	1	6	32	52	20	3
	Mymensingh	3	6	66	32	9	11
	Tipperah	3	4	40	47	6	4
	Noakhally	2	4	23	1	5	3
	Total	15	34	231	205	51	31
Rajshahye	Dinagepore	...	3	7	5	4	2
	Rajshahye	2	6	18	...	4	3
	Rungpore	...	8	22	19	5	1
	Pubna and Bogra	3	10	34	9	13	2
	Total	5	27	87	33	26	8
Chittagong	Chittagong	...	2	20	12	8	...
	Grand Total for L. Provinces	74	252	1,327	916	216	130
Assam	Assam Valley Districts	3	1	9	16	1	2
	Sylhet	...	3	32	30	3	1
	Cachar	...	1	2	2	...	...
	Grand Total for Assam	3	5	43	48	4	3

Z.

Result of Appeals in the High Court during the year 1881.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.			Appeals summarily rejected under Section 551.	Total.
						Dismissed on default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.		
LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL.										
Appeals from Original Decrees.	District Judge	42	11	5	17	12	1		...	94
	Subordinate Judge	115	45	17	18	15	3	12	...	225
Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	District Judge	601	165	14	113	9	11	7	214	1,134
	Subordinate Judge	810	110	18	133	10	7	14	308	1,410
Appeals from Orders.	District Judge	116	20	6	18	...	1	1	22	184
	Subordinate Judge	97	24	4	16	4	1	...	19	165
ASSAM.										
Appeals from Original Decrees.	District Judge	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Subordinate Judge	2	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	6
Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	District Judge	21	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	28
	Subordinate Judge	38	1	...	5		1	...	...	45
Appeals from Orders.	District Judge	4	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	7
	Subordinate Judge	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Annual Statement 1—(Civil).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising jurisdiction in Civil Cases in the last year, the work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Courts during 1881.

DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population.	Number of District Judgeships.	Number of Munsifs.	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS EXERCISING JURISDICTION IN CIVIL CASES.												NUMBER OF CIVIL CASES ORIGINALLY DECIDED.						Total number of miscellaneous cases decided.	NUMBER OF CIVIL APPEALS DECIDED.				Total number of miscellaneous appeals decided.	Total receipts of Civil Courts.	Total charges of Civil Courts.
					OFFICERS EXERCISING BOTH ORIGINAL AND APPELLATE JURISDICTION.								OFFICERS EXERCISING ORIGINAL JURISDICTION ONLY.																		
					Judges of the High Court.		District and Additional Judges.		Subordinate Judges.				Small Cause Court Judges with powers of a Subordinate Judge.		Small Cause Court Judges only.		Munsifs.														
									Subordinate Judges only.		Subordinate Judges with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge.																				
					European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.*	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.†	Native.	By the High Court.	By District and Additional Judges.	By Small Cause Court Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	By Munsifs.	Total.		By the High Court.	By District Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	Total.			
																														Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	3,648	1,900,889	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	11	...	10	1,897	150	19,654	21,711	2,094	...	159	400	559	67	3,13,249	1,25,357
Beerbhoom	1,756	794,428	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	9	...	39	5,262	5,310	382	...	126	144	270	31	96,198	76,400
Bhaugulpore	8,190	3,935,932	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	...	...	4,853	346	9,534	14,733	1,076	...	551	263	814	58	2,83,565	1,11,682
Burdwan	2,694	1,391,823	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	...	12	...	113	11,717	11,842	1,246	...	117	437	554	32	1,84,167	1,07,954
Bankura	2,621	1,041,752	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	37	...	...	6,508	6,545	555	...	313	...	313	16	1,07,475	63,870
Chittagong	2,567	1,132,341	1	9	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	5	...	38	11,828	11,871	1,231	...	95	399	494	88	1,81,190	132,185
Cuttack	8,056	3,571,932	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	8	1,215	93	8,377	9,693	589	...	278	...	278	27	1,29,531	80,599
Dacca	2,796	2,116,350	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	11	...	12	6,815	226	19,506	26,559	1,717	...	328	470	798	38	3,51,236	1,38,310
Dinagepore	5,360	1,674,455	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	7	...	4	1,276	87	7,651	9,018	440	...	133	56	189	10	1,50,443	92,623
Furreedpore	2,267	1,631,734	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	8	...	18	1,277	71	16,841	18,207	909	...	29	526	555	69	2,12,317	1,03,044
Gya	4,712	2,124,682	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	226	2,321	2,549	491	...	437	268	705	47	1,12,144	85,670
Moorshi	1,709	1,849,149	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	10	...	22	5,609	191	13,459	19,281	2,244	...	201	888	1,089	29	2,93,782	1,43,854

Jessore	3,658	2,319,241	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	10	...	27	10,815	98	21,639	32,577	2,546	...	443	401	849	84	3,84,025	1,70,676
Midnapore	5,092	2,517,802	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	10	...	8	656	157	18,519	19,340	1,903	...	177	743	920	23	2,34,207	1,29,638
Moorshedabad	2,142	1,226,790	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	12	269	101	11,730	12,102	739	...	143	69	212	14	1,46,938	98,565
Mymensingh	6,304	3,051,966	1	10	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	3	...	130	20,321	20,444	926	...	206	507	713	5	3,39,628	1,26,842
Noakhally	1,641	820,772	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	33	...	...	10,634	10,667	645	...	357	...	357	18	1,55,619	78,965
Nuddea	3,421	2,017,847	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	8	...	6	11,190	97	8,416	19,709	1,763	...	218	277	495	27	2,44,592	1,46,935
Patna	2,078	1,756,856	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	9	1,471	368	4,150	5,998	1,070	...	632	671	1,303	54	1,83,777	90,710
Pubna	3,331	2,046,086	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	7	2,000	108	7,631	9,749	602	...	201	193	394	39	1,65,390	78,325
Purneah*	4,957	1,848,637	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	2	...	765	7,663	8,430	630	...	421	...	421	9	1,36,593	77,630
Rajshahye	4,093	2,049,086	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	14	691	104	7,396	8,195	593	...	253	...	253	12	1,63,506	74,387
Rungpore	6,399	2,679,400	1	5	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	...	7	...	73	13,617	13,997	797	...	205	375	580	19	1,92,986	1,06,375
Sarun	6,155	4,001,990	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	3	...	317	5,420	5,740	910	...	211	631	842	43	1,69,145	88,705
Shahabad	4,385	1,964,909	1	3	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	150	5,746	5,897	795	...	115	329	444	67	1,62,954	76,165
Tipperah	2,446	1,519,333	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	6	...	91	20,657	20,754	1,046	...	184	1,145	1,329	58	2,51,176	1,41,249
Tirhoot	6,336	5,315,507	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	517	8,011	8,528	1,150	...	756	517	1,273	117	3,10,637	1,08,537
24-Pergunnahs	2,788	2,301,494	1	7	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	14	...	21	5,396	289	21,215	26,921	2,959	...	510	529	1,039	71	3,96,639	2,03,162
Chota Nagpore	27,109	4,225,989	1	10	...	...	1	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	9	...	....	...	180	4,045	4,225	429	...	242	296	538	49	1,13,041	1,24,285
Total ...	138,691	64,428,227	29	151	...	...	29	1	7	29	...	1	3	10	1	4	7	222	...	298	55,420	5,113	3,29,461	3,90,292	32,377	...	8,046	10,533	18,579	1,248	61,68,149	31,82,679
Calcutta	8	433,219	...	...	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	896	...	34,063	...	...	34,959	155	3,012	...	...	3,012	349	9,57,407	11,70,328
Grand Total ...	138,699	64,861,446	29	151	11	1	29	1	7	29	...	1	3	10	5	5	7	222	896	298	89,483	5,113	3,29,461	4,25,251	32,532	3,012	8,046	10,533	21,591	1,597	71,23,556	43,53,007

* The officers shown in this column are Deputy Commissioners and a member of the Civil Service who is invested with the original powers of a Subordinate Judge.

† The officers shown in this column are members of the Civil Service who are invested with the powers of a Moonsiff and Assistant Commissioners.

Annual Statement 2—(Civil).

Statement showing the Number and Description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1881.

Suits for money or movable property.

Class of Tribunals	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work, and materials.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Movable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Other suits for money or movables not already mentioned.	Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.											
I.—Civil Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Subordinate Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	70,262	5,604	5,461	1,591	1,826	662	1,410	2,967	2,673	1,553	93,899
Paid Subordinate Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	28,904	4,399	3,693	1,649	3,034	690	1,782	2,155	1,479	616	48,401
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	27,993	6,045	2,948	712	8,212	1,178	3,840	1,589	1,345	775	54,637
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	132	10	11	10	8	1	...	1	6	1	180
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	1,002	51	101	78	9	9	31	39	54	23	1,396
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	590	39	...	...	...	11	1	28	3	6	678
Chief Courts of Districts	13	...	11	1	...	...	...	...	5	3	33
Total	128,896	16,148	13,225	4,031	13,088	2,551	7,064	6,679	5,565	2,977	199,224
II.—Revenue Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	128,896	16,148	12,225	4,031	13,088	2,551	7,064	6,679	5,565	2,977	199,224
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.											
Presidency Small Cause Court	4,673	2,536	872	825	13,175	4,397	3,449	551	688	2,623	33,789
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	252	3	46	72	78	20	8	3	25	...	507
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	4,925	2,539	918	897	13,253	4,417	3,457	554	713	2,623	34,296

Suits under the Rent Law.

Class of Tribunals	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts, or on account of illegal restraint, or other cause.	For potiahs or kabooleuts.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.									
I.—Civil Courts.									
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Subordinate Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	143,508	1,818	330	385	52	909	838	555	148,395
Paid Subordinate Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	107	3	...	...	...	...	12	6	128
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	496	13	...	1	...	5	48	7	570
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	16	3	...	...	1	...	5	1	28
Total	144,127	1,837	330	386	53	914	903	569	149,119
II.—Revenue Courts.									
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	4,221	25	138	62	22	155	21	32	4,676
District Courts—Collectors	4,637	106	81	34	12	39	14	35	4,958
Total	8,858	131	219	96	34	194	35	67	9,634
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	152,985	1,968	549	482	87	1,108	938	636	158,753
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.									
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Title and other suits.

Class of Tribunals	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts, or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under section 261, Act X of 1865, (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	Grand Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				
I.—Civil Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Subordinate Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	19,089	863	3,965	6,009	623	389	24	430	27	456	483	5	21	...	6	1	...	478	32,869	275,163
Paid Subordinate Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48,401
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54,637
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	142	20	3	107	14	7	2	1	...	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	18	321	629
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	863	100	26	304	17	47	7	43	...	3	28	...	...	1	...	...	...	37	1,476	3,442
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	678
Chief Courts of Districts	27	1	...	9	3	6	2	2	3	1	...	...	...	2	...	8	144	12	220	279
Total	20,121	984	3,994	6,429	657	449	35	476	30	461	516	5	21	4	6	9	144	545	34,886	383,229
II.—Revenue Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,676
District Courts—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,958
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,634
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	20,121	984	3,994	6,429	657	449	35	476	30	461	516	5	21	4	6	9	144	545	34,886	392,863
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																				
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	319	...	...	...	319	34,108
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	19	4	12	4	38	87	...	5	...	...	18	...	...	11	1	14	13	1	227	734
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	3
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6
Total	19	4	12	4	38	87	...	5	6	...	18	2	...	11	320	14	16	1	557	34,863

Annual Statement 3—(Civil).

Statement showing Number and Value of Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1881.

CLASS OF COURTS.	NUMBER OF SUITS INSTITUTED IN THE DIFFERENT COURTS.																			TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS.
	VALUE NOT EXCEEDING Rs. 10.			VALUE NOT EXCEEDING Rs. 50.			VALUE NOT EXCEEDING Rs. 100.			VALUE NOT EXCEEDING Rs. 500.			Value not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Value not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Value not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Value not exceeding Rs.1,00,000.	Value exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	The value of which cannot be estimated in money.	TOTAL.	
	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.								
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				Rs.
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	6,056	48,258	4,832	40,130	69,720	13,663	26,747	17,525	6,283	18,798	11,697	6,669	4,364	...	...	...	...	421	2,75,163	1,78,03,017
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	9,556	...	...	38,845	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48,401	11,26,880
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	9,234	...	...	28,579	...	...	9,935	...	...	6,889	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54,637	28,76,972
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	523	67	35	1	...	629	26,34,141
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure	4	...	...	10	...	...	11	...	5	5	...	8	2	2,702	424	237	15	19	3,442	1,93,46,712
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers	66	...	...	612	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	678	16,346
Chief Courts of Districts	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	9	6	...	66	32	118	15	9	1	21	279	25,63,412
Total	24,916	48,258	4,832	1,08,176	69,720	13,666	36,693	17,525	6,297	25,698	11,697	6,745	4,398	3,343	506	281	17	461	3,83,229	4, 63,67,480
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																				
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	2,123	...	...	1,977	...	...	338	...	...	203	...	25	6	...	...	...	4	4,676	1,51,151
District Courts—Collectors	...	1,127	...	...	2,372	...	...	697	...	...	665	...	45	14	...	...	...	38	4,958	3,11,951
Total	...	3,250	...	...	4,349	...	...	1,035	...	...	868	...	70	20	...	...	...	42	9,634	4,63,102
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	24,916	51,508	4,832	1,08,176	74,069	13,666	36,693	18,560	6,297	25,698	12,565	6,745	4,468	3,363	506	281	17	503	3,92,863	4,68,30,582
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																				
Presidency Small Cause Court	13,145	...	...	14,030	...	...	3,070	...	...	3,183	...	...	625	55	...	...	...	...	34,108	17,28,960
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	1	...	29	341	64	48	3	227	734	26,80,732
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	...
TOTAL	13,145	...	...	14,030	...	...	3,070	...	...	3,204	1	...	654	396	64	48	3	238	34,853	44,09,692

Annual Statement 4-(Civil).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1881.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

CLASS OF COURTS.	NUMBER OF SUITS BEFORE THE COURTS.							NUMBER OF SUITS DISPOSED OF														AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS THE SUITS WERE PENDING.	
									WITHOUT TRIAL.			WITHOUT CONTEST.				ON REFERENCE TO ARBITRATION.		WITH CONTEST.					
	Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1881.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562, Act X of 1877.	Reviews under Section 626.	Revived under Sections 89, 108, 108, or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For Plaintiff.	For Defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of these pending over three months.	Average number of days contested.	Average number of days uncontested.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																							
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Ordinary Procedure	47,529	2,74,948	30,135	683	488	2,893	3,56,676	31,414	544	25,365	6,381	39,222	25,436	99,070	6,963	681	204	59,181	20,048	2,82,095	43,167	14,089	119	56
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	3,164	48,616	2,376	1	46	353	54,656	1,256	36	8,769	781	4,770	5,777	16,148	3,713	51	25	4,768	2,501	47,338	5,962	84	54	36
Civil Servants—Munsifs	...	...	130	...	...	...	130	1	...	4	1	3	7	10	...	...	...	2	1	28	101	29	49	34
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	2,922	54,637	15	...	172	760	58,506	61	53	7,089	914	7,489	10,037	18,877	192	115	57	7,662	2,935	55,420	3,025	20	28	22
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	375	629	85	7	2	6	1,104	54	2	28	9	81	89	209	...	5	1	249	96	769	281	177	285	123
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Ordinary Procedure	1,947	3,443	369	33	12	38	5,741	368	43	75	72	432	254	891	11	21	5	1,323	534	3,651	1,722	1,155	231	106
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers	28	678	...	...	...	...	706	...	2	254	1	110	41	202	13	...	...	42	28	693	13	...	20	20
Chief Courts of Districts	125	279	51	6	2	3	466	10	2	25	4	34	15	13	2	5	...	119	79	208	158	105	190	178
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Suits for money or movables	20,616	1,99,224	9,386	118	374	1,963	2,31,701	9,370	243	28,534	2,338	24,472	27,566	72,732	8,249	358	146	25,076	10,991	2,00,002	22,329	2,732	69	38
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Ditto under the Rent Law	17,901	1,49,119	18,278	354	215	1,639	1,87,506	18,287	256	9,972	4,421	20,377	11,005	58,625	2,279	146	30	36,075	6,599	1,49,886	19,334	6,205	100	54
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Title and other Suits	17,473	34,886	5,497	258	133	431	58,678	5,507	184	3,202	1,406	7,292	3,085	3,853	366	374	116	11,195	9,332	40,405	12,766	6,732	189	101
Total	55,990	3,83,229	33,161	730	722	4,033	4,77,885	33,164	682	41,608	8,163	52,141	41,656	1,35,410	10,894	876	292	72,346	26,222	3,90,293	54,429	15,669	106	48
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																							
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	1,082	7,053	2,572	36	23	97	10,863	3	9	1,779	214	498	912	3,139	66	4	...	2,225	775	9,621	1,239	117	71	44
District Courts—Collectors	18	2,581	...	...	12	...	2,611	2,568	...	6	1	2	...	10	1	...	...	10	1	31	12	...	246	61
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	57,090	3,92,863	35,733	766	757	4,130	4,91,359	35,735	691	43,393	8,378	52,641	42,568	1,38,559	10,961	882	292	74,581	26,998	3,99,944	55,680	15,786	107	48
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																							
Presidency Small Cause Court	1,288	34,106	...	...	...	...	35,396	...	...	3,085	2,398	12,588	2,178	7,160	53	384	154	4,901	1,277	34,063	1,333	...	31	10
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	814	734	...	...	...	...	1,548	...	...	332	52	12	93	181	2	15	1	152	50	890	658	564	289	606
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Admiralty	13	2	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	13	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Testamentary	7	3	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	7	7	177	290
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Matrimonial	9	6	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	3	12	11	222	315
TOTAL	2,131	34,853	...	...	...	...	36,984	...	...	3,417	2,450	12,599	2,270	7,332	54	399	155	4,957	1,327	34,959	2,025	585	39	28

Annual Statement 4—(Civil)

Statement showing the general result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1881.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Class of Courts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1881.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of										Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of these pending over three months.	Average number of days the cases were pending.
									Without Trial.			Without contest.				On reference to Arbitration.		With Contest.					
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on remand.	Received on review.	Revived.			Application rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For Plaintiff.	For Defendant.	Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for Defendant.				
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																						
I.—Civil Courts.																						
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	3,864	20,090	407	32	27	95	24,515	391	442	2,699	146	722	498	1,432	743	14	22	7,452	6,420	20,598	3,536	731	52
Small Cause Courts (As Small Cause Court Judges)	195	2,817	...	1	2	1	3,016	1	130	263	23	80	51	175	69	...	...	1,057	979	2,827	188	...	24
Small Cause Courts (Under powers of Subordinate Judge)	86	456	2	...	...	3	547	...	7	33	3	9	8	7	4	...	...	178	218	467	80	12	65
District Courts other than Chief Courts of District	403	1,698	89	1	4	4	2,197	11	16	132	21	35	28	145	37	4	1	704	624	1,747	439	166	78
Chief Courts of District	1,047	6,650	146	19	2	17	8,781	239	85	724	21	84	29	4,450	134	8	2	606	515	6,745*	1,794	833	80
Total	6,495	31,709	644	53	35	120	39,056	642	680	3,851	214	930	612	6,209	987	26	25	9,997	8,756	32,377	6,037	1,744	59
II.—Revenue Courts.																						
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	87	331	2	2	...	4	426	...	22	58	8	5	4	21	...	...	...	171	58	347	79	...	48
District Courts—Collectors	19	252	...	...	...	...	271	2	3	26	1	...	...	10	1	...	...	153	...	194	75	...	43
Total	106	583	2	2	...	4	697	2	25	84	9	5	4	31	1	...	...	324	58	541	154	...	46
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	6,601	32,292	646	55	35	124	39,753	644	705	3,935	223	935	616	6,240	988	26	25	10,321	8,814	32,918	6,191	1,744	58
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																						
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	157	...	...	...	...	157	...	...	...	...	...	...	151	...	...	...	2	2	155	2	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	157	...	...	...	...	157	...	...	...	...	...	...	151	...	...	...	2	2	155	2	...	...

* Including 90 redemption and foreclosure cases.

Annual Statement 5—(Civil).

Statement showing the Business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1881.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1881.	OTHERWISE RECEIVED. Received by transfer from other Courts.	Reviews under Section 626, Act X of 1877.	Remands under Section 562.	Revivals under Sections 558, 560.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551.	Dismissed for default, Sections 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	HEARD *ex-parte*. Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	CONTESTED. Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days the appeals were pending.	Objections under Section 561, Act X of 1877.	REMARKS.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																								
A.—Civil Courts.																								
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District	3,444	115	11,789	30	123	141	15,642	1,216	...	680	168	25	109	34	5,927	1,088	2,131	371	10,533	3,893	2,994	212	544	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	9,699	19,677	803	23	116	59	30,377	11,384	93	658	158	23	59	4	4,750	777	1,295	229	8,046	10,947	7,033	214	503	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
TOTAL OF EACH CLASS FOR CIVIL COURTS. Appeals from decisions in suits for money or movables.	2,047	3,625	2,200	15	11	35	7,933	2,201	10	200	64	6	50	5	2,115	286	791	99	3,626	2,106	1,206	170	106	
In suits under the Rent Law	4,893	8,564	4,970	23	86	57	18,593	4,976	57	666	187	34	78	26	4,418	1,137	1,258	300	8,161	5,456	3,208	185	612	
In title and other suits	6,203	7,603	5,422	15	142	108	19,493	5,423	26	472	75	8	40	7	4,144	442	1,377	201	6,792	7,278	5,613	270	329	
Total ...	13,143	19,792	12,592	53	239	200	46,019	12,600	93	1,338	326	48	168	38	10,677	1,865	3,426	600	18,579	14,840	10,027	213	1,047	
B.—Revenue Courts.																								
Collectors' Appellate Courts	61	422	...	3	...	...	486	3	3	13	12	...	1	2	198	54	77	30	390	93	12	79	...	
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	13,204	20,214	12,592	56	239	200	46,505	12,603	96	1,351	338	48	169	40	10,875	1,919	3,503	630	18,969	14,933	10,039	210	1,047	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																								
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE From decisions by Courts in the interior.	518	315	11	2	...	10	856	...	...	49	...	...	...	...	157	22	56	35	319	537	467	521	38	
From decisions on the O nal Side ...	26	49	...	...	...	...	75	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	28	2	4	2	46	29	22	173	...	
APPEALS FROM APPELLATE DECREES																								
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior.	3,163	2,243	...	8	...	9	5,428	...	522	58	...	...	...	...	1,411	32	275	246	2,544	2,884	2,539	313	...	
From decisions by a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court.	6	114	...	...	...	...	120	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	71	2	23	6	103	17	16	51	...	
TOTAL ...	3,718	2,721	11	10	...	19	6,479	...	522	118	...	...	...	...	1,667	58	358	289	3,012	3,467	3,044	321	38	

Annual Statement 5—(Civil).

Statement showing the Business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1881.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Appeals.

Class of Courts.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1881.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex-parte.				Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days pending.	Objections under Section 551, Act X of 1877.	Remarks.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on review.	Received on remand.	Revived.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.						
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
First Appeals.																								
A.—Civil Courts.																								
Chief Appellate Court other than Chief Court of District	19	27	14	...	2	...	62	13	...	1	1	...	...	...	11	...	7	7	27	22	14	252	1	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	453	1,116	34	3	5	11	1,622	35	18	111	88	1	40	3	625	65	218	52	1,221	366	187	109	2	
Superior Appellate Court other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	472	1,143	48	3	7	11	1,684	48	18	112	89	1	40	3	636	65	225	59	1,248	388	201	112	3	
B.—Revenue Courts.																								
Collectors' Appellate Courts	36	94	...	1	..	...	131	...	5	5	1	...	1	...	48	37	13	4	114	17	...	55	...	
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	508	1,237	48	4	7	11	1,815	48	23	117	90	1	41	3	684	102	238	63	1,362	405	201	107	3	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
First Appeals.																								
Chief Court of Province. From decisions by Courts in the interior	95	216	...	1	...	3	315	...	28	4	...	...	...	...	123	6	35	25	221	94	59	150	...	
Chief Court of Province. From decisions on the original side	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	95	216	...	1	...	3	315	...	28	4	...	...	...	...	123	6	35	25	221	94	59	150	...	
Second Appeals.																								
Chief Court of Province. From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior	42	130	...	...	...	1	173	...		3	...	...	...	...	90	4	9	9	128	45	27	138	...	
Chief Court of Province. From decisions of a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	42	130	...	...	...	1	173	...	13	3	...	...	...	...	90	4	9	9	128	45	27	138	...	

Annual Statement 6—(Civil).

Statement showing the result of proceedings on Applications for the execution of Decrees of Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1881.

CLASS OF COURTS.	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH.					APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF							DETAILS OF ENTRIES IN COLUMN 9.						AMOUNT REALISED.		NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS									
	Pending at the end of 1880.	FILED.		Restored to the file for any cause.	Total.	TRANSFERRED		Wholly or partly satisfied.	Wholly infructuous.	Total.	Pending at the end of 1881.	Of these pending more than three months.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Satisfaction obtained through the Court.	Adjusted under Section 258.	Satisfaction obtained with the issue of process.	Ditto without the issue of process.	With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	ON WHICH HIS MOVABLE PROPERTY		ON WHICH HIS IMMOVABLE PROPERTY			On which specific performance was enforced.	ON WHICH POSSESSION WAS GIVEN		On which partition was effected, Section 265.	On which execution was otherwise effected.
		The decree being those of the Court whose execution is taken out.	The decree being those of other Courts transferred for execution.			To another Court.	To the Collector.																Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under Section 305, 322, or 325.	Was attached, but subsequently released.		Of immovables.	Of immovables.		
																			Rs.	Rs.												
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																																
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	43,400	2,06,927	7,565	2,717	2,63,009	5,389	9	97,019	1,14,275	2,16,692	46,317	12,783	61,711	35,309	66,193	30,927	91,046	15,973	48,01,084	8,95,407	1,416	4,545	7,031	3,708	20,231	555	13,614	123	256	6,872	175	6,258
Small Cause Courts	3,113	37,725	70	76	40,984	290	...	12,021	25,524	37,835	3,149	19	5,561	6,460	8,182	3,839	10,789	1,232	3,12,098	69,294	454	1,042	3,098	1,282	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	2,807	7,945	247	267	11,166	202	...	3,900	4,139	8,241	2,925	1,530	2,169	1,731	2,868	1,032	3,474	426	57,40,459	5,25,918	55	73	115	51	856	69	672	1	3	301	9	135
Chief Courts of Districts	415	510	362	29	1,316	89	...	454	365	908	408	241	287	167	318	136	381	73	5,69,502	1,60,568	11	16	16	7	95	5	67	9	1	20	1	1
Total	49,735	2,55,007	8,644	3,089	3,16,475	5,970	9	1,13,394	1,44,303	2,63,676	52,799	14,573	69,728	43,668	77,560	35,834	95,690	17,704	1,14,43,175	16,51,187	1,936	5,676	10,258	5,046	21,182	629	14,353	133	260	7,193	185	6,395
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																																
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	764	4,254	383	67	5,477	2	18	2,285	2,342	4,627	850	111	1,819	446	1,614	651	2,219	46	76,370	2,812	18	125	246	658	152	...	602	...	44	86	...	...
District Courts—Collectors	65	704	23	1	793	...	...	567	149	716	77	7	435	132	445	122	567	...	49,943	...	2	17	41	76	150	...	194	...	...	24	...	...
Total	829	4,958	415	68	6,270	2	18	2,852	2,491	5,343	927	118	2,254	578	2,059	773	2,786	46	1,26,313	2,812	20	142	287	634	302	...	796	...	44	110	...	...
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	50,564	2,59,965	9,059	3,157	3,23,745	5,972	27	1,16,246	1,46,794	2,69,019	53,726	14,691	71,982	44,244	79,619	36,607	98,476	17,750	1,15,69,488	16,53,999	1,956	5,818	10,545	5,680	21,484	629	15,149	133	304	7,303	195	6,395
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																																
Presidency Small Cause Court	166	15,319	129	...	15,614	309	...	11,493	3,345	15,147	467	...	6,109	5,384	9,781	1,712	5,616	5,877	1,78,244	1,57,780	460	406	602	1,106	...	...	...	...	...	49	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	227	379	15	..	621	136	...	93	100	329	292	...	...	...	...	9	93	...	...	...	18	19	1	14	12	...	14	...	...	6	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	394	15,699	144	...	16,237	446	...	11,586	3,445	15,477	760	...	6,109	5,384	9,781	1,721	5,709	5,877	1,78,244	1,57,780	479	425	603	1,120	12	...	14	...	...	55	...	...

Annual Statement 7—(Civil).

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act X of 1877, in the Lower Provinces of Bengal, during the year 1881.

Part I.—Showing the number and result of Applications under Section 344, and the number of Insolvents before the Court.

Class of Courts.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency.															Persons declared to be insolvents.								
	Number of applications dealt with.						Applications disposed of.									Number of Insolvents before the Court.				Disposed of.				
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Filed during the year.			Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	Granted.		Rejected.				Pending at the close of the year.	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Died.	Discharged		Remaining at the close of the year.
		By judgment-debtor.		By decree-holders.					A Receiver being appointed.	A Receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate.	Total.								Under Section 351.	Under Section 355.	
		Under arrest or imprisonment.	Not under arrest or imprisonment.																					
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	63	291	28	...	2	384	2	101	9	103	76	9	...	298	84	1	113	...	114	...	...	106	4	4
Superior Courts	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	63	291	28	...	2	384	2	101	9	103	76	9	...	298	84	1	113	...	114	...	...	106	4	4

Part II.—Showing the number of Estates in the hands of Receivers and the progress made in winding up.

Class of Courts.	Number of Insolvents' Estates in the hands of Receivers.				Amount of Creditors' claims dealt with during the year.					Amount of Insolvents' Assets realised and outstanding.			
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a Receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realised assets in the hands of Receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realised during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of Receivers at the close of the year.
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	7	9	4	12	19,100	42,704	3,065	3,247	58,557	1,563	2,823	3,591	795
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	7	9	4	12	19,100	42,704	3,065	3,247	58,557	1,563	2,823	3,591	795

Annual Statement 8—(Civil).

Statement showing use of Assessors in the Civil Courts in the Province of Bengal in the year 1881.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed, distinguishing Criminal from Civil Courts.	Established or average number of Jurors or Assessors in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS.			Remarks.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict.		Number of persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Section 263, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Section 263, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors.	
I.—CIVIL COURTS.												
Chief Court of District (or Officer specially empowered) acting under Act X of 1880. } Assessors...	2	...	133	...	...	...	...	...	94	25	14	
Total ...	2	...	133	...	...	...	...	...	94	25	14	

COURT ... DISTRICT ... OF BACKERGUNGE

REPORT

ON

THE ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL JUSTICE

IN

THE LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL

IN

1882.

THE following Report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in 1882 has been drawn up on the plan adopted in preparing the reports for previous years. The Statements appended to this report are similar in form to those appended to previous reports; but it was found necessary during the past year to modify some of the instructions issued by the High Court regarding the preparation of periodical returns. According to these more recent orders the classes of miscellaneous cases enumerated on the margin* are now exhibited in Annual Statement 5, Part II† and Table O†, instead of in Annual Statement 4, Part II‡ and Table I.‡ The necessity for these changes arose from the inconsistency of exhibiting in the same statement with miscellaneous cases of a judicial nature—which are dealt with by Courts in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction—cases which had to be dealt with only by officers exercising Appellate Jurisdiction; and from the discovery that some of the cases found no place at all in the returns as they stood.

* Applications to an Appellate Court to withdraw or transfer an appeal, Sec. 25, C. P. Code.
Applications for re-admission or re-hearing of an Appeal, Sections 558, 560, C. P. Code.
Applications for leave to appeal as a Pauper, Section 592 C. P. Code.
Applications for review of judgment, Section 623, C. P. Code.

† Statement and Table showing the number of Miscellaneous Appeals instituted, disposed of and pending.

‡ Statement and Table showing the number of miscellaneous cases (Judicial) instituted, disposed of and pending.

In the Report for 1881, allusion was made to the introduction, into this Province, of two schemes having for their object the more efficient administration of civil justice. As to the first of these, under which certain junior Covenanted Civilians were invested with the functions of a Subordinate Judge or of a Munsif, the Court anticipated a twelvemonth ago that the practical experience to be gained by these officers, in the conduct of a civil judicial trial, would fall short of the expectations of Government. A consideration of the special reports of all District Officers on this subject, dealing with the working of the scheme during the year 1882, has confirmed the Court in the belief that the system is of little, if any, practical value for the purpose of training young Covenanted Officers in this portion of their duties. As an aid to the ordinary Judicial staff of a district, their work in this direction has proved to be almost valueless. There can be little doubt that the system will have to be abandoned, and a better one, if possible, devised. The subject will be separately dealt with in a special communication to Government.

The second measure—that of setting apart certain selected officers for the trial of rent-suits and petty suits of the Small Cause Court class—appears to have met with considerable success. Special reports, relating to the year under review, have been received, and are now under the consideration of the Court. The scheme is one which seems to have secured the approval of the litigating public, and to have resulted in the more speedy disposal of the classes of suits towards which it was directed. Further experience has shown that the division of the work effected by the measure has resulted, in some instances in the

"Rent-Suit Munsifs," in others in the "Land-Suit Munsifs," being overburdened with cases, according to the character of the litigation which prevails in the locality. But the inequality in the incidence of the work has been rectified wherever necessary; and, as a rule, the system may be said to work smoothly and with good results. This matter will also be specially dealt with by the Court in due course.

The re-organization of the Subordinate Judicial Service, which was effected during the year under report, is a matter the details of which are already known both to the Supreme and to the Local Governments. Its chief features are: an increase of 5 officers in the grades of Subordinate Judges, and of 11 officers in the grades of Munsifs; the abolition of the Rs. 700 grade of Subordinate Judges; the adoption of Rs. 200 as the minimum pay of a Munsif; and the redistribution of officers in the several grades in such a manner as, not only to give immediate promotion to a large number, but to secure a reasonable amount of rapidity in future promotions. It also recognizes the claims of officers to promotion by seniority, in the absence of special disabling circumstances, up to the first, or Rs. 400, grade of Munsifs; and requires that all promotions to any of the grades of Subordinate Judges should be based, partly on seniority, but chiefly on the merits of the individual. There can be no doubt that this reform, which is primarily due to the suggestions of Sir Ashley Eden, the late Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, has gone far to make the service popular, and to better the prospects of a very hard-working class of public officers. And the High Court expressed at the time its gratification that so much of the scheme, which was elaborated with the assistance of two of the Judges and of its Registrar, found favor with the Government of India.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

I.—THE HIGH COURT.

Original suits.

The number of civil suits, including Divorce, Vice-Admiralty, Testamentary and Intestate (contentious) cases, pending on the Original Side of the High Court at the end of 1881, was 692; the number instituted during 1882 was 616; making a total of 1,308 cases for disposal during the year under report.

The suits instituted during 1882 may be classified thus:

7	Suits for possession of immovable property.
1	Suit for declaratory decrees.
6	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.
34	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.
31	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.
66	Suits for an account.
2	Suits relating to Religious endowments.
1	Suit to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations, on the ground of fraud.
4	Suits for dissolution of marriage (Divorce).
16	Suits for partition.
3	Suits relating to shipping (Vice-Admiralty).
4	Administration suits.
14	Suits for dissolution of partnership.
19	Suits under Section 261 of Act X of 1865.
17	Suits not falling under any of the previous heads.
391	Suits for specific money claims.
TOTAL . 616	

The value of the property in litigation was Rs. 22,08,941 in the past as compared with Rs. 26,80,732 in the previous year.

	Disposed of.	Pending at the close of the year.
Original suits including Vice-Admiralty, Testamentary and Intestate (contentious) cases	584	708
Divorce suits	2	14
TOTAL . .	586	722

The number of suits disposed of in 1882 was 586, leaving 722 undetermined at the end of the year.

Of the suits disposed of—

102 were dismissed for default or want of prosecution.
46 were withdrawn with leave;
15 were determined by compromise;
53 were decreed on confession;
188 were decreed *ex parte*;
13 were decreed upon award;
135 cases were decreed; and
34 cases were dismissed.

There were also disposed of during the year 283 petitions for Probate and Letters of Administration, 1,846 interlocutory applications, including applications for an injunction, for the appointment of a Receiver, for the discovery of documents, &c., and 332 applications for execution. Interlocutory applications.

The number of references to take accounts, to make enquiries, to settle conveyances, &c., pending at the commencement of the year, was 142. The number of fresh references directed by the Court during the year was 205; making a total of 347. Of these, 24 were disposed of by a Judge in Chambers, 115 by the Registrar on the Original Side, and 14 by the Assistant Clerk. In 27 of the cases disposed of by the Registrar, that officer conducted the sale of property ordered to be sold otherwise than in the ordinary course of execution, after examining the title and settling the conditions of sale. Of the references to take accounts pending disposal at the close of 1882, 89 have not been prosecuted for a considerable time, and steps are being taken with a view to their being struck off as having been abandoned. References to take accounts.

In connection with the Registrar's quasi-judicial duties, it should be stated that that officer has during the year settled the proclamation of sale by the Sheriff, in the ordinary course of execution, in 20 cases, in 19 of which it was found necessary to examine witnesses. Proclamations under Section 287.

The number of appeals from the Original Side to the Appellate Side of the Court pending at the commencement of 1882 was 29, and the number filed during the year was 34, making a total of 63 for disposal. Of these, 6 were dismissed for default, and 3 uncontested and 28 contested cases were disposed of with the following results: The decree appealed from was affirmed in 2 and was modified in 1 of the uncontested cases, and was affirmed in 18, was modified in 6 and was reversed in 4 of the contested cases. Appeals from the Original Jurisdiction.

No references from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes were pending at the commencement of 1882, but twelve references from that Court were made during the year. Three of these were disposed of during the year, in all of which the judgments of the Court below were confirmed. References from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes.

The number of cases pending in the Insolvent Court at the commencement of the year was 210, and the number filed during the year was 127, making a total of 337 cases. Of these, 127 cases were disposed of during the year as follows: 5 cases were withdrawn, 15 cases were dismissed, and in 107 cases the insolvents obtained relief. Insolvent Cases.

Of the persons who sought relief in the cases disposed of, 65 were merchants, 14 were private persons who had once possessed independent means, and 48 were clerks employed in public and other offices.

There were also disposed of during the year, 72 applications for *ad interim* protection, and 968 miscellaneous applications. Orders.

It should be understood that, of the cases remaining undisposed of at the close of the year, 85 are cases which, though practically abandoned, it has been found necessary to retain in the list of pending cases—*vide* extract from the Judgment of White, J., on page 2 of the Court's Administration Report for 1878.

For the hearing of original suits, including interlocutory and other applications, two Judges sat separately and simultaneously for 217 days, and three Judges sat separately and simultaneously for 1 day. References to take accounts, &c., occupied one Judge for 25 days. The Insolvent Court occupied one Judge for 45 days. The appeals from the Original Side and the references from the Calcutta Small Cause Court occupied two Judges for 64 days. Judges' time occupied.

There were no appeals pending before the Privy Council at the commencement of 1882, and only one appeal was filed during the year. Appeals to the Privy Council.

The following is a statement of receipts and expenditure in the High Court, on its Original Side, during 1882:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
RECEIPTS.			
Commission of the Accountant General	11,768	13	4
Ditto on sales by the Registrar	8,662	0	6
Receiver's Commission	31,104	10	8
Fines realized	130	0	0
Other fees realized by means of stamps	2,15,600	0	0
TOTAL	2,67,265	8	1
Probate and administration duty	1,98,677	0	0
EXPENDITURE.			
Establishment	1,69,929	9	6
Contingencies	13,048	10	0
TOTAL	1,82,978	3	6

The following figures show the financial results for the past three years:—

	Receipts.			Expenditure.			Surplus.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P	Rs.	A.	P.
In 1880	2,90,013	2	2	1,76,692	8	10	1,13,320	14	4
„ 1881	2,75,256	7	9	1,85,361	13	9	89,894	10	0
„ 1882	2,67,265	8	1	1,82,978	3	6	84,287	4	7

In 1880 there was a saving of Rs. 4,200 owing to the fact that the Clerk of the Crown drew only half his salary as such, on account of his simultaneously holding another appointment. There was also a saving of Rs. 629 in the Sheriff's Office, in consequence of the services of one of the European Bailiffs having been dispensed with for a time. These underdrawings will account for a considerable portion of the reduced expenditure in that year.

With respect to the receipts, it appears that the Accountant General's commission on the suitors' funds, which received large accessions in 1880, amounted in that year to Rs. 16,647, as compared with Rs. 12,229 in 1881, and Rs. 11,768 in 1882. It also appears that in 1880 the Registrar sold some valuable properties, and that in consequence his commission on sales was in that year unusually large, amounting to Rs. 25,736, as compared with Rs. 4,392 in 1881, and with Rs. 8,662 in 1882. These items will account for the difference between the amount of the receipts in 1880, and the amount of the receipts in each of the two following years.

II—CIVIL COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

Original suits instituted, disposed of, and pending. *See Table A.*

The total number of original suits instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts of the Lower Provinces subordinate to the High Court in each of the past three years, was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Determined	Pending.
In 1880	384,564	386,965	55,988
„ 1881	383,229	390,291*	54,437*
„ 1882	403,877	407,239	57,443

* Revised figures.

These figures show an increase of 20,648 original suits instituted, and an increase of 16,948 suits decided, in 1882. The latter increase was, however, not sufficiently large to effect a reduction in the pending files, which increased by 3,006 cases.

Suits instituted.

	Reg.	S.C.C.
In 1880 .	327,248	57,316
„ 1881 .	328,592	54,637
„ 1882 .	350,606	53,271

On a reference to the figures given in the margin, it will be observed that the increase in the number of cases instituted in 1882 has occurred entirely in the Regular Civil Courts, for in the Courts of Small Causes there was a slight falling off (1,366) in the past year. The decrease in the institution of cases in the latter class of Courts has been gradual, year by year, since 1880.

From the details given for each district in Table A, it will be seen that the increase in the Regular Civil Courts occurred in almost all the districts in the Province, the only exceptions being Bhaugulpore, Dacca, Furreedpore, Nuddea, Patna, Rungpore, and Tirhoot. The decrease was most marked in Furreedpore (1,104) and in Tirhoot (1,000).

The increase in the number of original suits instituted in the Regular Civil Courts occurred especially in the following districts, *viz.*:—

	Instituted in 1881.	Instituted in 1882.	Increase.
Backergunge	19,196	21,945	2,749
24-Pergunnahs	21,345	23,810	2,465
Tipperah	20,285	22,635	2,350
Midnapore	15,196	17,222	2,026
Burdwan	11,675	13,455	1,780
Dinagepore	7,885	9,412	1,527
Hooghly	13,279	14,775	1,496
Mymensingh	20,674	22,120	1,446
Noakhally	10,579	11,998	1,419
Rajshahye	7,887	9,090	1,203
Moorshedabad	12,028	13,146	1,118
Cuttack	8,540	9,545	1,005

In the Courts of Small Causes the falling off in the number of cases instituted occurred chiefly in the following Courts:—

	Instituted in 1881.	Instituted in 1882.	Decrease.
Backergunge	1,865	643	1,222
Narail	2,556	1,864	692
Magoorah	1,729	1,227	502
Meherpore	2,035	1,574	461
Munshigunge	2,652	2,205	447
Jhenidah	2,036	1,643	393
Ranaghat	1,691	1,386	305
Krishnaghur	2,756	2,479	277
Furreedpore	1,311	1,079	232
Patna	1,345	1,114	231

On the other hand an increase occurred in the following Courts:—

	Instituted in 1881.	Instituted in 1882.	Increase.
Cuttack	1,160	2,136	976
Howrah	2,944	3,258	314
Serampore	1,651	1,933	282
Sealdah	5,257	5,538	281
Bhaugulpore	2,038	2,275	237

The following are some of the reasons given in the District Judges' reports in explanation of these results:—

Backergunge.—"Suits of every class were more numerous in 1882 that in 1881. For the increase under the heads of suits 'for money and movables' and of 'title and other suits,' I can assign no cause; but that in the number of rent suits I fully anticipated. Tenants in Backergunge, never submissive, annually display greater disinclination to discharge their obligations otherwise than under legal compulsion; and the low prices of the produce of land that have, owing to bumper crops and the absence of scarcity in other provinces, prevailed in this district during the last two or three years, have diminished the tenants' ability to meet the fixed cash demand for rent. The market has, however, somewhat improved of late, and possibly the rise in prices may, in some degree, relieve the landlords of the necessity of a resort to litigation; but I doubt it, and expect rather a steady annual increase of rent suits. Indeed, I look upon an increase in suits of every kind as a certainty, and that will entail a corresponding strengthening of the judicial staff of the district and of their ministerial establishments."

In the opinion of the High Court, the question of strengthening the ministerial establishments of subordinate Civil Courts is one which will shortly have again to be faced. Not only are these establishments weighed down with an amount of work which experience has shewn that it is not fair to exact from them, but the more speedy decision of rent suits and of petty suits of the Small Cause Court class, owing to the successful working of the scheme for their disposal by a special officer, has increased the work in the execution department to an extent which has carried it beyond the powers of the present staff.

Burdwan.—"There has been an increase in the institution of rent suits to the extent of 849, suits for money and movables to the extent of 743, and suits of title to the extent of 188. The principal increase is in Culna and Bud-Bud. In the former munsifi the increase is from 1,638 to 2,392, of which the increase under rent suits amounts to 453. This increase is not, however, in my opinion attributable to any embitterment of relations between landlord and tenant. The best ordinary test of the state of feeling between zemindar and ryot is the number of enhancement suits; but as a matter of fact, notwithstanding the increase in the suits for rent, the number of enhancement cases has diminished from 28 in the year 1881 to 17 in the year under notice. The number of cases of application for deposit of rent, for assistance to distrain, and for sale of distrained property has also decreased from 971 to 720.

"In Ranigunge, the Munsif professes himself unable to account for the increase of 115 in suits for money and movables. In this sub-division, the harmony of the relation between landlord and tenant is shewn by there having been only one suit for enhancement.

"The reports of Lower Courts are unfortunately very meagre and inadequate as regards the cause of fluctuation, but it may be assumed that the increase in the number of institutions of rent suits and for 'money and movables,' is due principally to the low prices which have prevailed, and the small remuneration obtained by cultivators for their staples. They have, therefore, in a large number of cases, been unable to pay their rent.

"There was also in many parts of the district, especially Bud-Bud, a partial failure of the crops owing to drought, and this cause has undoubtedly operated to swell the bond and rent suits. The money-lenders, who would ordinarily renew bonds, were apprehensive of difficulty in ultimately realizing their debts, and an increase in this kind of litigation was the consequence. As an indication that present rates of rent press hardly when seasons are bad, I am informed by the Collector that some 300 notices of relinquishment of lands have been taken out by the tenants of a prominent zemindar in the Cutwa sub-division. This fact shows in what direction we are to look for an explanation of the increase in the number of rent suits.

"The increase in the number of title suits is too slight for comment."

Cuttack.—The increase in the number of suits instituted in the Civil Courts in Cuttack occurred mainly in the Courts of Small Causes and in the Court of the Munsiff of Balasore. The explanation of the latter officer relates only to an increase in the number of suits "for money or movables;" and this increase he attributes to a rich harvest of paddy during the past year, which enabled the cultivators to drive a profitable trade in that article, and thus gave opportunity to the creditors to institute suits for the recovery of old debts. The District Judge, however, thinks that the large works now in hand in the Irrigation Department and on the new coast canal may very likely have helped to increase the files of suits for money or movables. He also states that the transfer of Killa Banki to the district, which took effect from 1st April 1882, undoubtedly accounts for some of the increase. The High Court have, however, since ascertained that only 99 Small Cause Court suits and 5 title suits were instituted by residents of Killa Banki from the date of its annexation to Cuttack to the close of the year. The reasons given by the Small Cause Court Judge for the increase in his Court are given in a subsequent part of this report.

Dacca.—"There were altogether 25,483 suits instituted in 1882 as against 26,133 in 1881. There was therefore a decrease of 650 suits in the number of institutions. This decrease has not been confined to any particular class of cases, but has to a greater or less extent occurred in all classes of suits. Thus, suits 'for money or movables' have decreased by 417; rent suits have decreased by 166; and 'title and other suits' by 67 suits. The falling off in the number of cases instituted in 1882 has occurred entirely at Munshigunge and Manikgunge.

"The decrease in suits for money and in rent suits is no doubt due to the prosperous condition of the agricultural classes in 1882. The jute crop in 1882 was particularly good, and the jute trade was accordingly exceedingly active. Thus the number of maunds of raw jute imported to Calcutta from this district alone, in the last financial year, was 26,36,396 as against 19,10,027 in the previous year. The cultivating classes in this district were, therefore, very well off in 1882. As a rule, they were not in want of money, and could afford to pay their rents without difficulty. This is no doubt the cause of the decrease in rent suits in 1882. It is remarkable that the decrease in the number of rent suits during 1882 is entirely

in suits for 'arrears of rent,' the number of such suits instituted in 1882 being 4,387 as against 4,554 in the previous year, *i.e.*, 167 less than in 1881.

"The slight decrease (67) in 'Title and other suits' calls for no special explanation."

Dinagepore.—"The total number of suits instituted during the past year increased to 10,508 cases from 9,103 in 1881; the increase was most marked in the following Courts:—

	1881.	1882.
Munsif's Court, Darjeeling	62	170
" " Thakurgaon	1,401	1,904
" " Hemtabad	1,336	1,656
" " Patnitolah	676	969

"The increase of rent suits at Hemtabad is attributed by the Munsif to the ill-feeling between landlords and tenants in his jurisdiction. The Munsif complains of the small number of pleaders attached to his Court, and considers that there would be more suits if there were more pleaders. I do not think there would be more well-founded suits, or that increase in the number from this cause would be desirable.

"The Munsif of Patnitolah attributes the increase of suits in his Court 'principally to two causes: (1) the Munsif had remained throughout the whole year at this place as he was not deputed elsewhere; and (2) the cheap price that prevailed in the markets of food-grains and other agricultural produce, in spite of the scanty production of the soil in this district;' and he adds—'The generality of the suits belong to the Small Cause nature, and the parties are generally the mahajans and the agriculturists.' In general it may be remarked that some increase in suits is naturally to be expected each year. It is only when the increase is much above the average that a special cause is likely to be assignable."

Furreedpore.—"The figures from the interior do not appear to call for much special remark. The variations, as compared with the past year, of the figures in suits before the Munsifs of Goalundo and Mulfatgange, are mainly due to the appointment of one Munsif in each of these Chowkis for the trial of rent and Small Cause suits.

"The noticeable feature of the Bhanga returns is the great decrease in suits on bonds, which the Munsifs attribute to the improved position of the class which recruits the ranks of borrowers; and to the increased expenditure under the Rules of the High Court in execution of decrees, which drives creditor and debtor to the expedient of the renewal of expiring bonds.

"On the other hand, the decrease in similar suits in Madaripore, with corresponding increase in rent suits, is put down by the Munsif to a like improvement in the position of the borrowing or tenant class, which he represents as ready enough, when able, to pay off their bond-debts, but congenitally disinclined, no matter how good their crops, or how full their pockets, to pay their rents.

"He also says that, owing to the growing estrangement between the two classes of rent-receivers and rent-payers, there is a marked tendency on the part of the former to convert the local Court into an establishment for the collection of their dues. With reference to the Rent Bill just introduced, it is highly significant, as remarked by the Munsif, that the process of distraint is coming to be so repugnant to public opinion as to be falling into gradual disuse and disrepute. Similarly, the greater independence of the tenants and fuller comprehension of their legal rights, and stronger determination to assert them, are evinced by the increase from 46 in 1881 to 116 in 1882, in suits under Section 9 of the Specific Relief Act mainly by evicted tenants against their landlords."

Hooghly.—"It is difficult to account for the rather striking increase in cases of the past year, but whether from the continued agricultural and commercial prosperity of the district, or from the facility with which redress is now obtainable, litigation has been steadily gaining ground during the last few years."

Midnapore.—"The institutions for 1882 are 17,887, being an increase of 2,043 cases more than in 1881. The increase is greatest in the rent class, being nearly half the whole increase—

Rent	954
Small Cause Court	767
Title	322
TOTAL	2,043

The increase is distributed pretty evenly over all the Courts in the Small Cause Court and Title classes. It is not easy to say to what causes the increase is due. Possibly the increase in the Small Cause Court and rent suit classes is attributable to the increased expedition with which these suits are tried in the special Courts at Midnapore and Tumluk."

Noakhally.—"For purposes of comparison, the two Munsifis at Shudaram should be regarded as one Court; this being so, it will be found that there is a slight falling off in the institution at Shudaram and an increase at all the other Munsifis. The increase I attribute to the general tendency to increased litigation arising from improved administration; and the decrease at Shudaram is, perhaps, owing to the fact that the residents of Hattya are hoping for a Munsif of their own and are keeping back their cases until he is appointed."

A proposal to establish a separate Munsif's Court on the island of Hattya was before the Court in May 1882. After making enquiries into the matter, the High Court determined that the circumstances of the case would best be

met by the appointment to the island of a Deputy Magistrate, who could be appointed a Munsif, under the provisions of Act VI of 1871, to determine the few civil suits arising in the locality. A recommendation to this effect was accordingly made to the Government of Bengal in June 1882; but the Court have received no further communication on the subject, and are unaware of any steps having been taken towards that end.

Patna.—"There has been a diminution of litigation, the number of suits and appeals instituted having been respectively 4,925 and 724, against 5,278 and 1,187 for 1881. In 1881 also there was a diminution in the number of suits as compared with 1880, when the number instituted was 5,606.

"I am not disposed to look upon this decrease of law suits as a good sign. The comparative cessation of Land Registration Suits accounts for it in some measure, but I am inclined to think that it is also due to exhaustion, and to people finding that it is very difficult to get decrees executed. The Codes of 1877 and 1882 are probably unduly favourable to debtors. A ryot has little except his cattle and his house, but the first cannot be sold in any case, and the latter is only saleable in execution of rent decrees. The expenses attending execution have also been increased. Affidavits and searches of Registration-records are required, and decree-holders are no longer allowed, as a matter of course, to bid at sales.

"There has been a considerable diminution in the number of rent suits, but I doubt if it is in any way due to the prevalence of better relations between landlords and tenants. The animosity between them is, in my opinion, increasing; but landlords and leaseholders do not sue because they can seldom prove their claims. When the question is about the rates of rent the landlord is generally defeated, for he has no *kabulyuts* and his servants are not trustworthy. I am sure that a new Rent Law is urgently wanted in the interest of both parties, and I hope that the passing of it will not be long delayed. The changing of the law will not, however, be enough. We also want cheaper Courts, and more of them. At present I doubt if it ever pays any one to bring a suit for less than Rs. 20 even if it is undefended. If it does pay him, it must be at a heavy cost to the judgment-debtor, for the Court-fees and the feeding of the witnesses must swell the original debt very much. Suppose, for instance, that we take the case of a landlord at Mokamah, and this is a neighbourhood where there used to be at least a good deal of dispute between landlords and tenants. The landlord's agent has first to go to Bankipore to file the suit. This costs 11 annas 9 pies for railway fare. He pays the pleader Re. 1 and he pays Rs. 1-2 or Rs. 1-8 for the stamps on the plaints, and Re. 1 for a process. He then has to return to Mokamah, and, when the *piada* (process-server) comes, he has to give him some one to point out the defendant; and this man has to go into Bankipore with the *piada*. The landlord must pay his fare to Bankipore and back, and he must also pay for the *piada's* railway fare, and for the fares of one or two witnesses. If these expenses be totalled up, it will be found that they cannot come to less than Rs. 7 or 8. Probably the expenses will be a good deal more.

"A decree having been obtained, the landlord must buy a copy of it, and then he must apply for execution and support the application with an affidavit. When the sale day comes, he must pay eight annas if he wants to bid, and unless he does, others are chary of bidding. Then, after the sale, two months must elapse before it is confirmed. I have taken Mokamah for my illustration, but the description applies to all the districts except in the matter of railway fares. The Stamp law is responsible for most of the expense in all but petty cases, and it would be a great benefit if it could be altered."

Tipperah.—"Institutions shew an increase during the year under all 3 headings of rent, money and title suits, chiefly under the head of suits for money, which shew an increase of 14 per cent. on the previous year. The reason assigned by those with whom I have spoken on the subject is the continued low price of rice, the staple of the district. The agricultural classes generally have, therefore, but little cash in hand to meet the various demands on them; hence the numerous suits of this class. The increase in rent suits is only 5·3 per cent., which is probably chiefly owing to the same cause. There is an increase in title suits of 11·6 per cent. I am unable to suggest any explanation of the increase in the latter."

Tirhoot.—The decrease of 1,000 in the number of suits instituted in this District occurred in the Sub-division of Tajpore alone, and is stated by the District Judge to be probably due to an outbreak of cholera.

its decided.

The Regular Courts of the following districts decided the largest number of cases in comparison with the previous year, *viz.*:—

	Disposed of, 1881.	Disposed of, 1882.	Increase.
Backergunge	19,814	22,849	3,035
24-Pergunnahs	21,525	23,574	2,049
Rajshahye	7,514	9,558	2,044
Dinagepore	7,742	9,577	1,835
Burdwan	11,842	13,574	1,732
Shahabad	5,897	7,587	1,690
Mymensingh	20,444	22,120	1,676
Tipperah	20,754	22,124	1,370
Hooghly	13,672	15,036	1,364

On the other hand, the returns of only seven districts show a falling off in the number of cases decided. This decrease is most marked in the following districts :—

	Disposed of,		
	1881.	1882.	Decrease.
Midnapore	18,684	17,347	1,337
Patna	4,527	3,405	1,122
Tirhoot	8,528	7,421	1,107
Furreedpore	16,930	16,197	733

The work done in the Small Cause Courts has varied principally in the following Courts, *viz.* :—

	Disposed of,		
	1881.	1882.	Increase.
Cuttack	1,215	2,157	942
Kooshtia	1,854	2,610	756
Scaldah	5,255	5,628	373
Bhaugulpore	2,037	2,279	242
Howrah	2,923	3,160	237
Serampore	1,678	1,894	216
Hooghly	1,008	1,179	171

	Disposed of,		
	1881.	1882.	Decrease
Backergunge	1,897	671	1,226
Chooadangah	2,814	1,884	930
Narail	2,817	1,974	843
Magoorah	1,765	1,307	458
Jhenidah	2,090	1,668	422
Meherpore	2,018	1,626	392
Munshigunge	2,699	2,382	317
Ranaghat	1,735	1,437	298
Kishnaghur	2,769	2,501	268

In the districts given below there was an increase in the pending files of the Regular Civil Courts at the close of 1882— Pending files of Original suits.

	Number of suits pending at the close of		
	1881.	1882.	Increase.
Noakhally	1,207	2,023	816
Tipperah	3,871	4,545	674
Gya	737	1,363	626
Moorshedabad	1,870	2,283	413
24-Pergunnahs	2,832	3,160	328
Jessore	1,879	2,205	326
Bhaugulpore	1,478	1,804	326
Mymensingh	3,020	3,280	260
Chittagong	1,715	1,971	256
Bankura	753	992	239
Patna	762	992	230
Pubna and Bogra	1,432	1,638	206
Cuttack	1,057	1,260	203

Additional Munsifs are now helping to clear the files in the Districts of Noakhally, Tipperah, 24-Pergunnahs, Bhagulpore, Mymensingh, and Moorshedabad ; the last-named district has two such officers.

On the other hand, there was a marked decrease in the following districts:—

	Number of suits pending at the close of		
	1881.	1882.	Decrease.
Dacca	3,072	2,011	1,061
Furreedpore	2,190	1,746	444
Backergunge	2,809	2,436	373
Rajshahye	1,482	1,161	321
Shahabad	2,379	2,162	217
Rungpore	2,471	2,288	183
Chota Nagpore	636	498	138

An additional Munsif was working in the District of Furreedpore until the 25th June of the current year, when the state of the files permitted his deputation to Mymensingh. Backergunge has still two additional Munsifs, and Rajshahye and Shahabad one each. As soon as the arrears become well in hand, these officers will be deputed to other districts where their services may be required.

The District Judge reports that the large increase of arrears in Noakhally (which occurred almost entirely in the Courts of the Munsifs of Dewangunge and Lukhipore) was due partly to the increase in institutions, and partly to the present Munsif of Dewangunge being less expeditious in his work than the officer who was in charge during 1881. The temporary absence at Dewangunge of the 2nd Munsif of Lukhipore accounts for some of the increase at the latter place. The District Judge of Gya attributes the arrears in his district partly to the larger number of institutions, and partly to the insufficient staff of Munsifs allowed to the District. The High Court, however, consider the arrears to be due to the inequality in the institutions in the several Courts in the District; for, while at the sudder station the work is more than enough for the two Munsifs who are stationed there, at Aurungabad it is not enough to occupy the time of one officer. Compared with other districts in the Province, the number of suits before all the Munsifs in Gya seems moderate. The increase in the number of pending cases in Bhaugulpore is remarkable chiefly in the Courts of the 2nd Subordinate Judge and of the Sudder Munsif. As regards the increase in the former Court, the District Judge reports that the changes of officers during the past year led to a reduction in the number of cases disposed of, and that just at the close of the year one large case, which occupied a month of working days, prevented further disposals. The increase in the Sudder Munsif's Court was due to the Munsif having disposed of fewer cases than in the preceding year, but the District Judge reports that he sees no reason to think that the work actually done by him in 1882 was less heavy.

The number of suits and appeals pending for more than one year at the close of each of the years 1881 and 1882 is given on the margin. These figures shew that a considerable reduction has been effected in respect of appeals pending for more than one year. From the details in Table B., it will be observed that the number of original suits of long pendency has increased considerably in Bhagulpore, Patna and Moorshedabad, and that of old appeals in Midnapore, Furreedpore, Cuttack, and Pubna and Bogra. On the other hand, the arrears of long-pending suits were considerably reduced in Mymensingh, Shahabad, Tirhoot, and especially in Gya, and of long-pending appeals in Tipperah, Shahabad, Tirhoot, Mymensingh, Bankura, Nuddea and Chittagong. These results are, no doubt, due primarily to the deputation during the year of extra Subordinate Judges to the six last-named districts, but also to the excellent work done by the officers of the regular staff in some of the districts named.

	1881.	1882.
Original suits	223	257
Appeals	1,320	413

In 1882 the accumulation of old suits and appeals was greatest in the following districts—

	Suits.		Appeals.
Patna	76	Furreedpore	79
Bhaugulpore	36	Midnapore	74
24-Pergunnahs	26	Bankura	47
Moorshedabad	25	Cuttack	39
Bankura	13	Pubna and Bogra	26
Hooghly	13	Sarun	26

These figures compare favorably with those given in the report for 1881. The heavy arrears of long-pending original suits in Patna are reported to be owing to the trial during the year of an important original case, "the Badulpore adoption case," which occupied a good deal of time. Besides this important case, there were on the files in Patna an important case about a Sikh Temple in the District, and a number of rent suits from the Barh subdivision in which the landlords sued for a return to payment of rent in kind.

Number and value of suits instituted, 1878 to 1882.

On a reference to Table C, appended to this report, it will be seen that, including cases in the Courts of Small Causes, the number of suits filed in 1882 exceeded the number filed in 1878 by 48,695 or 13·7 per cent., while the value in litigation during the same period decreased by Rs. 1,40,55,150 or 19·9 per cent. The decrease in the value of litigation in 1882, as compared with that in 1878, is in a great measure due to the abnormally high values of the suits instituted in the Regular Civil Courts of Gya during the latter year, when the value in litigation in that district amounted to Rs. 2,86,07,267. Substituting for these figures the average value of the suits instituted in Gya for the past four years (1879 to 1882), *viz.*, Rs. 19,32,629, it will appear that the value of suits instituted in the Province in the past year exceeded the value in 1878 by Rs. 1,26,19,488 or 28·8 per cent.

See Table C.

In the following statement the districts have been grouped according to the number of suits filed in 1882 :—

Exceeding 20,000 suits.

Jessore.	Backergunge.
24-Pergunnahs.	Mymensingh.
Dacca.	Hooghly.
Tipperah.	

Exceeding 15,000 suits.

Nuddea.	Furreedpore.
Midnapore.	Bhaugulpore.

Exceeding 10,000 suits.

Rungpore.	Noakhally.
Burdwan.	Cuttack.
Moorshedabad.	Dinagepore.
Chittagong.	

Exceeding 5,000 suits.

Pubna and Bogra.	Shahabad.
Rajshahye.	Bankura.
Purneah.	Sarun.
Tirhoot.	Beerbh

Exceeding 2,000 suits.

Patna.	Gya.
Chota Nagpore.	

In Jessore, where the number of suits was slightly in excess of 30,000, nearly one-third of the total number were filed in the Courts of Small Causes. In the 24-Pergunnahs the number was somewhat under 30,000; the number filed in the Regular Civil Courts being greater than in Jessore. In Dacca the number slightly exceeded 25,000, and in Nuddea it was slightly below 20,000, of which more than one-half were filed in the Small Cause Courts. On a comparison with the report for 1881, it will be observed that the number of

districts in which more than 20,000 suits were filed has exceeded by one the number shown in that report.

The increase in litigation during the past 5 years has been most marked in Bankurah, where it amounts to 80·8 per cent., Dinagepore 49·4 per cent., Rajshahye 43·8 per cent., Hooghly 42·9 per cent., Backergunge 33·8 per cent., and Gya 31·9 per cent. During the same period, litigation decreased in only 5 districts, *viz.*, Rungpore, Tirhoot, Noakhally, Shahabad, and Chota Nagpore. The decrease was most marked in the three first-named districts, the falling off amounting respectively to 20·4, 11·6, and 10·9 per cent.

Classification of suits instituted in 1881 and 1882.

See Table D.

The following statement shews the number of suits of each class instituted in all the Civil Courts in 1881 and 1882 :—

	1881.	1882.
Suits cognizable by a Small Cause Court	199,224	208,362
Suits under the Rent Law	149,119	159,830
Title and other suits	34,886	35,685

Excluding cases instituted in the Courts of Small Causes, the number of cases of the Small Cause Court class instituted in 1882 was 155,091; of which 68,459 were disposed of by 83 officers (82 Munsifs and 1 Subordinate Judge) vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge for the trial of suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. Comparing the results of the past with those of the previous year, it appears that there has been a further decrease in 1882 in cases instituted in the Courts of Small Causes of 2·5 per cent., and a further increase in cases of the Small Cause Court class instituted in the Regular Civil Courts of 7·2 per cent. In suits under the Rent Law there is a further increase of 7·1 per cent. As regards "Title and other suits" there was a slight increase of 2·2 per cent. in the past year, as against the decrease of 22·1 per cent. returned in 1881.

The increase in cases of the Small Cause Court class instituted in Courts of Small Causes will be dealt with separately in a subsequent part of this Report in more immediate connection with the statistics of such Courts.

As regards cases of the Small Cause Court class instituted in the Regular Civil Courts, the increase of 7·2 per cent. was contributed chiefly by the following districts, *viz.*, Tipperah (1,555), Backergunge (1,490), Mymensingh (1,154), Cuttack (783), Midnapore (750), and Burdwan (743). The institution of cases of this class fell off in the Regular Civil Courts of only six districts, the most noticeable decrease being in Furreedpore (1,031), Nuddea (687), and Pubna and Bogra (268). Some of the reasons assigned by District Judges for these results have been given in an earlier part of this Report. As regards the decrease of 687 in the number of money suits instituted in the Regular Civil Courts in Nuddea, the District Judge reports that there has been a considerable decrease in suits for recovery of money on "contract not in writing," and on "goods sold," and that the cheapness of food-grain during the year and the diminution of malaria probably improved the condition of the non-producing classes, resulting in fewer loans and a consequent smaller number of money suits. The District Judge adds that the first-named cause affects the grain-producing class in a different way. His remarks in this direction will be noticed under the head of rent suits.

In Chota Nagpore there was a slight decrease (64) in the number of money suits. This occurred chiefly in the District of Hazareebagh, and is reported to be due to the more extensive working of the Encumbered Estates Act (VI of 1876) in that district, than in the Districts of Lohardugga and Manbhum.

The increase in the number of rent suits instituted in 1882 was most marked in the 24-Pergunnahs (1,583), Noakholly (1,261), Backergunge (1,087), Dinagepore (1,061), Rajshahye (1,048), Midnapore (954), Burdwan (849), Hooghly (832). The institutions of suits of this class fell off in only six districts,

the decrease being most marked in Tirhoot (1,208), Patna (429), Bhagulpore (317), and Rungpore (288). The increase in the number of rent suits in the 24-Pergunnahs is attributed by the Judge to the more rapid disposal of such suits by special Munsifs under the scheme introduced in 1882. A similar reason is given by the District Judges of Dinagepore and Midnapore for the increase in their districts. The following extracts, relating to the same subject, are taken from the reports of some of the other District Judges :—

Chittagong.—"I believe the increase in rent suits is partly due to growth of population and extension of cultivated area ; and partly to settlement operations in the south. In adducing the last as a cause, I am supported by the fact that more than half the increase has occurred in the two southern Munsifis."

Gya.—"The increase in the institutions during the year under review is chiefly in suits under the Rent Law, the numbers of which have nearly doubled. In this class of suit numerous analogous cases were brought, and I think that the increase in this class of litigation is chiefly attributable to the fact that tenants more frequently resist the illegal exactions of their landlords now-a-days than they used to do. Any endeavour on the part of the landlord to enhance the rates of rent, or to change the *agore batai* system * into *dana bandi* † is now frequently met by the combined opposition of the tenants, and leads to the institution of numerous suits. The cheapness of agricultural produce may also have something to do with the tenants not paying their cash-rents, but as the *bhawli* (payment in kind) system is more prevalent in this district than the *nagdi* (cash payment), I do not think that the cheapness of grain makes any very appreciable difference in the number of suits of this class."

* Partition of crop in certain proportions between landlord and tenant *after cutting.*

† Estimate of crop *while still in the ground* by landlord's agents ; partition to be made according to such estimate.

Nuddea.—"Rent suits have increased from 5,662 to 6,214 ; net increase 552. It would appear that there is an increase of 131 rent suits in Chooadangah, 259 in Bongong, (institutions of the two Courts in 1881 taken together), and of 209 in the Kushtea First Munsif's Courts as compared with the number instituted in 1881 in these Munsifis.

"This increase chiefly relates to 'suits for arrears of rent' with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease."

The Munsif of Chooadanga reports that the increase was due to the failure of the ryots to pay rent on account of sickness ; and also to the fact that some of the ryots were not on good terms with their zemindar, who was consequently obliged to sue them for their rents.

The First Munsif of Bongong reports that the main cause which led to an increase in the institution of rent suits was the falling off in the value of food-grains which made the cultivators short of funds, and unable to pay their rents.

The First Munsif of Kushtea explains that the probable cause of increase was abundance of crops and partial disappearance of malaria. Having plenty at home and being in good health, people are now in a position to settle their differences by recourse to law.

In the Meherpur Munsif's Court there was a decrease of 149 rent suits, ascribed by the Munsif partly to the existence of good feeling between landlord and tenant, and partly to the failure of crops. These explanations, which at the best must be taken to be more or less purely speculative, are passed in review by the District Judge, who gives his own views as follows :—

"I think the general causes to which the increase in rent suits is attributable are—

1. The low prices obtained by the cultivators for their produce, affecting their ability to pay rent.
2. The wave of ill-feeling between zemindar and ryot which has spread over the north and east of this district in common with adjoining districts during the last year or two.

"This fact was noticed in last year's report and it has affected a larger area during the year under notice. The district is, however, still free from agrarian disturbances, and the tension that exists shows itself mainly in the shape of withholding payment of rent."

Noakhally.—"The increase in rent suits at Sundip is due to a temporary and special cause. The purchaser of the assets of a large estate was compelled to institute, in 1882, many rent suits which would otherwise have been barred. The increase at the other Munsifis is much less marked, and is not capable of, nor does it require, any special explanation."

Sarun.—"The increase in rent suits occurred in the Sudder and Sewan Sub-divisions of the Sarun District. In Chumparun the institutions were precisely the same as in the previous year.

"The Rent-suit Munsif considers the increase, as far as the Sudder Sub-division is

concerned, to be partly due to the somewhat strained relations between landlord and tenant, resulting chiefly from changes of landlord on the granting of *thika* leases by the zemindars. He remarks that the majority of the rent suits were brought by *thikadars* and not by zemindars; and he observes that the introduction of a *thikadar* into a village generally results in litigation, in consequence of the attempts of the new and temporary landlord to collect directly or indirectly something in excess of the previous rental. Another reason suggested by the Munsif, as perhaps partly accounting for the increase in institutions, is the increased expedition with which cases are disposed of under the new system, whereby all Rent and Small Cause Court suits are disposed of by one officer; but I should think that it is probably rather too early for this cause to work to any great extent at present.

"The Munsif of Sewan also remarks on the large number of suits between *thikadar* and tenant, owing to the grasping conduct of the former in their attempts to make a profit by their leases. He attributes the increase of institutions of rent suits partly to the fact that the purchasers of several estates sold for default of payment of Government revenue were forced, during the year, to institute suits wholesale in order to obtain practical possession; and partly to similar numerous institutions on the part of a particular *thikadar*, who met with resistance from his tenants on taking a new lease."

The High Court are inclined to concur with those officers who ascribe the increase in the number of rent suits partly to the system under which a special Munsif is deputed to try such suits and petty suits of the Small Cause Court class. The Court have now under consideration the reports of the various District Officers in Bengal on the working of this system; which, so far as can be seen at present, is successful in that rent suits were decided with greater expedition: and popular, in that a larger number is instituted.

The variations for the past two years in the figures representing "Title and other suits" are most marked in the returns of the following districts, *viz.*:—

	Increase.		Decrease
Midnapore	322	Tirhoot	329
Cuttack	222	Shahabad	327
24-Pergunnahs	221	Noakhally	308
Hooghly	214	Bankurah	268
Chittagong	211	Mymensingh	190

The decrease in Bankurah occurred principally in the Kotulpore Munsifi. The explanation given is to the effect that, in 1881, the prevalence of malarious fever, combined with the scarcity of ready money owing to the abundant harvest and the consequent low prices, induced many of the inhabitants of that locality to defer the institution of many suits in which the period of limitation is comparatively short. These suits would have become barred by limitation if not instituted in 1882; and the result was that the title suits were deferred to better times, as the law of limitation gave the claimants the option of extending the period of their institution.

The marked increase in the number of suits for money or movables, instituted in this Munsifi in 1882, tends to corroborate this view.

The decrease in Noakhally is stated to be in a great measure due to the comparatively small number of suits instituted at Sundip to contest the *jumabandis* of Settlement Officers.

The District Judge of Sarun comments as follows on the slight decrease (27) in the number of "Title and other suits" instituted in his district:—

"I have again to notice a decrease in Title suits, both as to number and in respect of value. I think there is scarcely any room for question that the cause is that which I assigned for the decrease last year (1881): *namely*, the gradual subsidence of the rush of litigation which resulted from the introduction of the Land Registration Act. It is to be hoped that when all the vexed questions of title are settled, which were forced to a decision by the operation of that Act, there will eventually be a permanent reduction in suits of this kind. Up to the present time, it (the Act) has brought about the institution not only of suits to contest *bonâ fide* disputes of title, but also, as was to be expected, of many suits of an entirely speculative nature."

As regards the variations in the figures for the past two years of the other districts in the Province, in some cases no special reason has been assigned; in others the District Judges have reported that they do not find it easy to say to what causes these variations are due.

The following statement, prepared in accordance with the practice of former years, will shew in what districts suits of each class were most numerous.

Including Small Cause Courts, each of the following districts had more than 10,000 suits for money or movables :—

	1880.	1881.	1882.
Dacca	19,974	19,575	19,158
Mymensing	13,864	15,514	16,668
24-Pergunnahs	14,241	14,371	15,321
Nuddea	12,468	13,328	12,689
Jessore	15,424	13,602	12,129
Tipperah	9,282	9,539	11,094
Hooghly	8,976	9,521	10,749
Cuttack	8,428	8,312	10,071

Dacca, Mymensing, and the 24-Pergunnahs continue to hold the same position as in the previous year. It will be observed that, in the two districts last named, there has been a gradual increase, which, in the case of Mymensingh, has been observable since 1879. In Jessore there has been a gradual decrease since the same year. On comparing the above statement with that given in the Report for 1881, it will be observed that Furreedpore, which for the past two years has been credited with more than 10,000 money suits, now returns less than that number; and that three other districts have for the first time exceeded the same number.

As in 1881, so in the year under review, Jessore (16,258), Backergunge (15,368), and 24-Pergunnahs (11,777), are the only districts in which the number of rent suits instituted has exceeded 10,000. In Tipperah, Hooghly, and Midnapore the number of rent suits instituted in 1882 amounted to nearly 9,000.

Chittagong and Tipperah (as against Chittagong alone in 1881) were the only districts where the number of "Title and other suits," instituted in 1882, exceeded 2,500. The following statement shows the districts in which the number instituted in 1882 exceeded 2,000 :—

	1880.	1881.	1882.
Chittagong	2,537	2,561	2,772
Tipperah	2,567	2,318	2,624
24-Pergunnahs	2,591	2,180	2,401
Mymensing	2,884	2,290	2,100

The following table gives details regarding the suits for money or movables instituted in the past two years in the Regular Civil Courts, and in the Courts of Small Causes :—

Description of Suits.	Small Cause Courts.		Regular Civil Courts.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
On written obligation	27,993	26,607	100,903	106,492
On unwritten obligation	6,045	6,145	10,103	11,817
On account stated	2,948	3,080	9,277	10,204
Money had and received	712	673	3,319	3,613
Goods sold	8,212	8,350	4,876	5,774
Wages, work and materials	1,178	1,230	1,373	1,432
Rent not falling under the Rent Law	3,840	3,116	3,224	3,310
Movable property, or value thereof	1,589	1,374	5,090	5,053
Damages	1,345	1,116	4,220	4,534
Other suits for money or movables not mentioned above	775	1,580	2,202	2,862
Total	54,637	53,271	144,587	155,091

From the above figures it will be seen that the decrease in the Small Cause Courts was chiefly in respect of suits on bonds, suits for recovery of rent not falling under the Rent Law, suits for the recovery of movable property or its

value, and suits for damages. The institutions in miscellaneous suits for money or movables nearly doubled those in 1881. The increase in the Regular Civil Courts was in respect of every class of money suits, except suits for the recovery of movable property or its value. The decrease under this head is, however, very slight.

The following table contains a comparative statement of the various descriptions of suits under the Rent Law, instituted during the past two years in the Civil Courts and in the Revenue Courts :—

	Civil Courts.		Revenue Courts.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Arrears of rent	144,127	155,668	8,858	9,475
Enhancement or abatement of rent	1,837	1,292	131	54
Relating to distraint	330	282	219	253
Damages for extortion, &c.	386	278	96	81
For pattahs or kabulyats	53	96	34	104
For ejectment or recovery of possession	914	760	194	175
For recovery of money or accounts from agents	903	1,030	35	26
All other suits under the Rent Law	569	424	67	60
Total	149,119	159,830	9,634	10,228

The increase in the number of suits under the Rent Law was chiefly in respect of suits for arrears of rent in both the Regular Civil, and in the Revenue Courts. On the other hand, suits for enhancement or abatement of rent decreased considerably in both classes of Courts. Suits relating to distraint decreased in the Regular Civil Courts and increased in the Revenue Courts.

The following statement gives details of suits other than rent suits and suits of the Small Cause Court class, instituted in the past two years :—

	Number of Suits.		Percentage of the total number of the class.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Suits for immovable property	20,121	20,988	57·68	58·815
„ for declaratory decrees	984	645	2·82	1·808
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	3,994	4,012	11·45	11·243
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property	6,429	6,532	18·43	18·305
Suits to declare and establish personal rights	657	703	1·88	1·970
„ for an account	449	314	1·29	·880
„ relating to religious endowments	35	33	·10	·092
„ to set aside judgments, &c., on the ground of fraud	476	455	1·37	1·275
Suits for dissolution of marriage	30	33	·08	·092
„ for enforcement of matrimonial rights	461	496	1·32	1·390
„ for partition	516	516	1·48	1·446
„ relating to shipping	5	1	·02	·003
„ „ religion and caste	21	8	·06	·022
Administration suits	4	3	·01	·008
Interpleader suits	6	14	·02	·039
Dissolution of partnership	9	103	·02	·289
Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865	144	145	·41	·406
Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	545	684	1·56	1·917
Total	34,886	35,685	100·	100·

There was a considerable increase in the number of suits for immovable property and of suits for the dissolution of partnership, the number of the latter

having increased from 9 in 1881 to 103 in 1882. On the other hand, there was a marked decrease in the number of suits for "declaratory decrees." As regards the other classes of miscellaneous original suits, the variations in the figures of the past two years are very slight.

The following statement gives the value of suits of each class instituted in each of the past two years:— Suits valued according to class. *See Table F.*

		1881.	1882.
		Rs.	Rs.
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts	28,76,972	28,91,626
	Regular Courts	1,65,08,394	1,66,37,949
„ under the Rent Law		81,12,308	90,98,624
Title and other suits		1,88,69,806	2,77,90,897

The increase in the value of suits for money or movables was most marked in Shahabad, Dacca, and Patna. There was a marked decrease in the 24-Pergunnahs, Tirhoot, Dinagepore, and Hooghly. The decrease in Hooghly is stated to have occurred in the Subordinate Judge's Court, and to be due to the paucity of suits upon bonds for large sums, such as were brought in 1881 against the zemindar of Sowrafully. As regards the value of suits under the Rent Law, a marked increase appears in the returns of Gya, Mymensingh and the 24-Pergunnahs, and a marked decrease in those of Tirhoot. These results are mainly due to the institutions of such suits, which increased considerably in the three first-named districts and decreased in Tirhoot. The value of Title and other suits increased considerably in Mymensingh, Tirhoot, Burdwan, Moorshedabad, and Midnapore. In the case of Mymensingh, this increase is stated to be due to the filing of a suit valued at Rs. 50,00,000 in the Court of the Subordinate Judge. This suit was for a declaration of right to a large zemindari and was dismissed on a preliminary objection. The increase in Tirhoot and Burdwan is stated to be owing to the institution in the past year of one isolated case in each of these districts valued in the one case at 36, and in the other at 14 lakhs of rupees. In Patna, although there was a decrease of only 97 in the number of "Title and other suits" instituted in 1882, the money-value of such suits decreased by very nearly 50 lakhs of rupees.

The following statement shews the average value of a suit of each class:—

		1881.	1882.
		Rs.	Rs.
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts	52·6	54·2
	Regular Courts	114·1	107·2
„ under the Rent Law		54·4	56·9
Title and other suits		540·8	778·7

Further details of the value of suits instituted in 1882 are given in the following statement:— Details of value. *See Statement 3.*

Details of Value.	Suits for money or movables.			Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.
	Small Cause Courts.	Regular Courts.			
		Under Small Cause Court powers.	Under Ordinary powers.		
Not exceeding Rs. 10	9,140	13,057	4,270	51,613	4,984
„ „ „ 50	27,059	54,919	28,911	74,575	13,948
„ „ „ 100	9,898	1*	29,174	18,974	6,296
„ „ „ 500	7,174	...	20,987	12,595	7,006
Exceeding „ 500, or value not ascertained	...	...	3,772	2,073	3,451
Total	53,271	67,977	87,114	159,830	35,685

* This case was registered by mistake in the Court of one of the Munsifs of Backergunge who is vested with Small Cause Court powers. On discovery of the mistake the plaint was returned for presentation to the proper Court.

It will be observed from this statement that in 394,581, or 97·6 per cent. of the whole number of suits instituted in the Civil Courts, the value involved did not exceed Rs. 500; and in 71·5 per cent. of these, the value did not exceed Rs. 50. Of suits instituted in the Small Cause Courts, in 36,199, or 67·9 per cent., the value did not exceed Rs. 50. Of suits of the Small Cause Court class, instituted in the Regular Civil Courts, 101,157, or 65·2 per cent., did not exceed the same value. Of these, 67,976 were dealt with by officers vested with Small Cause Court powers. Of rent suits, 32·3 per cent. did not exceed Rs. 10 in value; and 46·6 per cent. exceeding Rs. 10 did not exceed Rs. 50 in value. In 25,228, or 70·6 per cent., of the "Title and other" suits instituted, the property in dispute did not exceed Rs. 100.

The following statement gives details of 8,773 suits in which the value is said to have exceeded Rs. 500:—

	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.
Not exceeding Rs. 1,000 in value	2,298	1,232	1,154
„ „ „ 5,000 „	1,270	728	1,390
„ „ „ 10,000 „	137	52	225
„ „ „ 1,00,000 „	63	31	172
Exceeding „ 1,00,000 „	4	...	17
TOTAL .	3,772	2,043	2,958

In the remaining 523 cases the value cannot be estimated in money.

Suits how determined.

See Table F

The manner in which suits were dealt with during each of the past five years is shewn in the following table:—

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	TOTAL.
1878	126,961	131,805	94,151	352,917
1879	139,070	140,466	93,761	373,297
1880	147,885	142,606	96,474	386,965
1881	144,250	146,304	99,738	390,292
1882	152,660	157,831	96,748	407,239

Contested cases formed 23·7 per cent. of the whole number decided in 1882, as compared with 25·5 per cent. in 1881, and 24·9 per cent. in 1880.

In the following statement details are given for 1882 according to the class of suit and the class of Court before which it was brought:—

		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.
Courts of Small Causes		25,211	18,088	11,057
Regular Courts .	Suits for money or movables .	62,491	66,926	26,338
	„ under the Rent Law .	50,093	68,357	42,252
	Title and other suits . .	14,865	4,460	17,101
	TOTAL .	127,449	139,743	85,691

From this statement it appears that, while in the Small Cause Courts 20·3 per cent. of the cases decided were contested, as compared with 24·2 per cent. in the Regular Civil Courts, in the latter the ratio for each class of suits separately was, in suits for money or movables 16·9 per cent., in rent suits 26·2 per cent., and in title and other suits 46·9 per cent. From these results it will be observed that the largest proportion of contested suits is, as in previous years, found among title and other claims; while the smallest proportion is in respect of suits of the Small Cause Court class.

Of the suits for money, &c., entered above as decided in the Regular Courts, 68,459 cases were dealt with by 83 officers vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge for the trial of petty suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. The manner in which these cases were disposed of is shewn in the margin. Only 14·3 per cent. were contested.

Withdrawn	27,853
Decided *ex parte*	30,758
Contested	9,848
TOTAL	68,459

The following were the only districts with more than 5,000 contested cases in the past year:— Districts where contested suits were most numerous.

	1880.	1881.	1882.
24-Pergunnahs	6,968	7,010	7,615
Jessore	8,297	7,933	7,572
Tipperah	5,267	6,282	5,871
Dacca	4,582	5,611	5,537
Hooghly	4,805	4,590	5,100

The proportion of contested cases decided in the Regular Civil Courts was greatest in the following districts:—

	PERCENTAGE OF CONTESTED CASES.			
	In suits for money, &c.	In suits under the Rent Law.	In title and other suits.	TOTAL.
Patna	26·6	43·8	58·5	40·7
Tirhoot	23·8	52·9	56·	39·8
Gya	27·4	46·5	53·2	39·4
Chittagong	28·8	34·1	55·9	37·4
Chota Nagpore	27·4	...	74·2	35·5
Sarun	20·6	40·5	53·	34·4
Shahabad	19·7	34·	57·4	33·4

From Table A it will be observed that, with the exception of Chittagong, the number of original suits instituted in the Civil Courts of these districts is very small: the number instituted in 1882 in Gya, Chota Nagpore, and Patna being below 5,000, while in Tirhoot, Sarun, and Shahabad it was somewhat above that figure.

In the following statement further details are given of the manner in which suits were disposed of in all the Civil Courts in the interior, as compared with suits decided in the Small Cause Courts as such. The proportion of cases

in which the plaintiffs and defendants were, respectively, successful during the past three years is also shewn :—

All Courts, including Small Cause Courts.			Mode of Disposal.	Small Cause Courts separately.		
1880.	1881.	1882.		1880.	1881.	1882.
661	682	804	Plaints rejected	70	53	77
42,738	41,608	45,472	Default	7,702	7,089	7,418
8,448	8,163	8,665	Withdrawn	1,119	914	913
11,712	10,894	10,296	Dismissed *ex parte*	203	192	331
25,701	26,514	23,465	Dismissed on trial	3,116	2,992	3,153
89,260	87,861	88,702	Plaintiff loses	12,210	11,240	11,892
51,344	52,141	55,780	Compromised	7,086	7,489	7,000
44,694	41,656	41,939	Confession	12,438	10,037	9,803
130,894	135,410	147,535	Decreed *ex parte*	19,897	18,877	17,757
70,773	73,224	73,283	Decreed on trial	7,878	7,777	7,904
246,361	250,290	262,757	Plaintiff wins	40,213	36,691	35,464
51,344	52,141	55,780	Add compromised	7,086	7,489	7,000
297,705	302,431	318,537		47,299	44,180	42,464

From the above the following ratios are deducible, shewing in what proportion, of the whole number of cases decided, the plaintiff was successful or the reverse :—

	1880.	1881.	1882.
Plaintiff loses	23·	22·5	21·8
Compromised	13·4	13·3	13·7
Plaintiff wins	63·6	64·2	64·5

Taking the figures of the Small Cause Courts separately, it appears that the plaintiffs have been less successful year by year since 1880. Their success in the past, as in the previous years, was, however, somewhat greater than in the Courts generally.

	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.
Plaintiff loses .	20·9	20 5	20·3	21·9
Compromised . .	13·2	11·9	13·5	12·9
Plaintiff wins . .	65·9	67 6	66 2	65·2

Applications to set aside ex parte judgments, or judgments in default.

See Table G.

The following statement shows for each of the past three years the number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex parte*, compared with the number of applications for setting aside the judgments in such cases made and granted :—

	1880.	1881.	1882.
Number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex parte*	173,632	177,018	203,867*
Number of applications to set aside judgments in such cases	8,400	9,337	10,141
Number of such applications granted . . .	4,132	4,176	4,835

* This increase is nominal; for it includes Miscellaneous Original cases which were incorrectly omitted from the figures of preceding years. The applications shown in Table G are in respect of Regular, as well as Miscellaneous, cases.

The ratio in 1882 of applications to judgments was 4·9 per cent., as compared with 5·2 per cent. in 1881. Of the applications made last year, 47·6 per cent. were granted, as compared with 44·7 per cent. in 1881. The proportion in the several classes of Courts taken separately for the past two years was as follows:—

	Percentage.	
	1881.	1882.
District Judges' Courts	80·	86·6
Small Cause Courts	54·1	58·1
Subordinate Judges' Courts	30·5	36·3
Munsifs' Courts	43·2	45·9

Decrees how executed.

The following statement shows the number of applications for the execution of decrees on which realizations were made in the past three years, in full or partial satisfaction, and the amount realized in the Regular Civil Courts:— *See Table II.*

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realized.
			Rs.
1880	74,900	44,306	1,47,27,846
1881	64,167	37,206	1,27,12,970
1882	70,046	43,979	1,37,30,738

The corresponding figures for Small Cause Courts during the past two years are as follows:—

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realized.
			Rs.
1881	5,561	6,460	3,81,392
1882	5,464	6,365	4,03,878

In the Regular Civil Courts there was an increase of Rs. 10,17,768 in the amount realized as against a decrease of Rs. 20,14,876 reported in 1881. Similarly in the Small Cause Courts there was an increase of Rs. 22,486 as against the decrease of Rs. 2,36,692 returned in 1881. The amount realized in the Regular Civil Courts was greatest in the following districts:—

	Amount realized.	
	1881. Rs.	1882. Rs.
24-Pergunnahs	8,73,264	10,03,213
Backergunge	8,94,797	9,37,338
Tirhoot	14,46,298	9,13,343
Hooghly	4,11,167	8,39,808
Bhaugulpore	7,15,799	8,36,071
Jessore	5,31,730	7,88,856
Patna	4,23,069	5,77,388
Mymensingh	4,97,031	5,50,303
Tipperah	3,43,257	5,32,475
Dacca	7,89,990	5,31,558
Sarun	4,50,046	5,18,500

The amount realized in 1882 fell short of the amount realized in 1881 in only eight districts. In Tirhoot the realizations fell off by a little more than 5 lakhs of rupees. This result is probably due to the decrease in the number of applications in which satisfaction was obtained. The increase in the realizations in the Regular Civil Courts of Jessore is stated by the District Judge to be entirely owing to certain heavy execution cases in the Judge's and Subordinate Judges' Courts; for out of Rs. 3,14,305 paid by judgment-debtors in the latter Court, Rs. 2,22,960 represent three decrees fully satisfied. In Chota Nagpore there was an increase of Rs. 1,33,726 in the amount realized. This increase, the Judicial Commissioner reports, was very marked in Hazareebagh, Manbhum, and Lohardugga; and is, he states, apparently due to the fact that, the circumstances of the cultivators having improved, the judgment-debtors have found it easier to discharge their debts.

The following statement shews the number of applications for the execution of decrees disposed of in 1882, on which realizations were made with and without the issue of process, and the amount realized with and without it, in the Regular Civil Courts and in the Small Cause Courts separately :—

		Number of applications.	Amount realized.
			Rs.
Regular Civil Courts	With process	96,442	1,21,49,485
	Without process . . .	17,583	15,81,253
Small Cause Courts	With process	10,824	3,39,894
	Without process . . .	1,005	63,984

Taking all the Courts together, it will appear that the issue of process was found to be unnecessary in 14·7 per cent. of the applications on which realizations were effected in 1882, as compared with 15·6 per cent. in 1881.

On the subject of execution of decrees the District Judge of Bhagulpore reports as follows :—

"I fear that the work connected with the execution of decrees is in many Courts left too much in the hands of ministerial officers. No doubt a great deal of this work is purely ministerial; but, unless it be closely watched by the presiding officer, there will be sloth in issuing notices and processes, and delay and malpractices in their service. I have written to my Subordinate Courts pointing out the provisions of the law, and making some suggestions that may be useful to them. . . . . I have, in a previous report, expressed an opinion adverse to the working of the rules requiring, from decree-holders, affidavits to enable the Court to settle the terms of the sale-proclamation. I have in no degree modified this opinion. The officers of the Registration Department give no assistance beyond lending their registers. The search of those registers takes much time and requires a knowledge of English. The parties naturally do not wish to pay liberally for having the search made, and the result is that this work is falling into the hands of the touters and other unauthorised legal practitioners who hang about the Courts. The system induces dishonesty. It is, I think, a fact that in a large number of cases the affidavits are consciously untruthful; and if the Courts did not, perhaps wisely, overlook this fact, they would have to make many commitments to the Criminal Courts. Decree-holders are now required to swear to their belief in statements, when really they have no such belief. For all they know, their searcher has made the merest pretence at search. As suggested last year, arrangements might be made to obtain the information through officers of the Registration Department. There would in such case be some hold upon those supplying the information, and consequently some guarantee for its truth and the thoroughness of the search; and the cessation of pretentious but untruthful affidavits would in itself be no small advantage. The decree-holder has to incur both expenses and a risk of prosecution under the present system; and would gladly see the payment of a fee to the Registration Department substituted for them."

The matter will be specially dealt with by the High Court when the sale-rules are revised.

Decrees executed.

See Statement 6.

In Statement 6 further details will be found regarding the manner in which decrees were executed in 1882. The number of applications for execution (including verbal applications made immediately on delivery of judgment) dealt

with by the Civil Courts in the interior was 346,566; the whole number disposed of, 292,479; and the number pending, 54,087. Satisfaction, in whole or in part, was obtained in 125,854 cases. Of the applications disposed of, the creditor's claim was adjusted under Section 258 of the Code of Civil Procedure in 40,065 cases. The number of wholly infructuous applications was 159,505. This does not mean that so many decrees became inoperative, but merely that the decree-holders were unsuccessful in, or did not persevere with, those particular attempts to execute such decrees.

Coercive Processes.

The following figures shew the comparative frequency of certain modes of execution in the past five years:—

Year.	Possession given.	Imprisonment.	Property sold.	
			Movable.	Immovable.
1878	7,588	1,984	8,957	32,248
1879	8,064	2,190	10,299	32,240
1880	8,040	1,775	10,728	27,627
1881	7,453	1,936	10,258	21,182
1882	7,286	2,193	11,840	24,648

These figures shew a considerable increase in the number of cases in which the judgment-debtor's property was attached and sold. There was also an increase in the number of judgment-debtors imprisoned. As regards cases in which the judgment-debtor's immovable property was attached and sold, the increase occurred in almost all the districts in the Province, the only exceptions being Dacca, Jessore, Tirhoot, 24-Pergunnahs, and Chota Nagpore. In Dacca, Jessore, and Chota Nagpore, there was, however, as against this decrease, an increase in the number of cases in which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned and in which his movable property was sold. In Dacca, recourse was had more frequently in the past year to personal arrest, and to attachment of the judgment-debtor's movable property as modes of execution. The District Judge is inclined to ascribe this fact to the strictness of the rules recently drawn up by the High Court for the attachment and sale of judgment-debtor's immovable property. He reports as follows:—

"Judgment-creditors are reluctant to go to the trouble and expense of making search in the Registration Office, and of producing extracts from the Collectorate registers. They do all they can to evade these rules; and there can be no doubt that, in many instances, they succeed in evading them. In many instances, the so-called searches in the Registration Offices are merely nominal ones. It has recently been brought to my notice by the Officiating Collector that a short time ago he discovered 38 cases of searches applied for, at the Munshigunge Registration Office, in which searches were never really made by the applicants. They had, however, satisfied their consciences by applying for the searches, and there is every reason to fear that they straightway went off to the Munsif and made affidavits that they had searched in the Registration Office, and found that the properties they wished to attach and sell were unencumbered. To prevent similar evasions in future, the searches should, I think, be made by the officer of the Registration Department, and judgment-creditors should be required to produce, instead of affidavits of their own, certificates from the Registration Officers, stating that their Registers had been searched and no encumbrances discovered. The present system is open to the still further objection that it affords great facilities to fraudulent judgment-creditors for tampering with the Registers of the Registration Offices."

Other modes in which execution was effected were as follows: In 392 cases the judgment-debtor's immovable property was dealt with under Sections 305, 322, or 326 of the Civil Procedure Code; that is, opportunity was given to raise money on the property, so as to satisfy the decree. Specific performance was enforced in 314 cases; and partition was effected in 80 cases. Details are not given of the manner in which decrees were executed in 8,861 cases.

Miscellaneous (Judicial) cases.

The following statement exhibits the number of original miscellaneous cases of a *judicial* nature which were instituted, determined, and pending in

See Table I.

the Regular Civil Courts and in the Small Cause Courts, in each of the past two years :—

		Instituted.	Determined.	Pending.
Regular Civil Courts	1881	28,848 *	29,514*	5,792*
	1882	31,803	32,131	5,785
Small Cause Courts	1881	2,817	2,827	188
	1882	3,063	3,036	221

* Revised figures.

These figures shew an increase in all Courts in the institution of cases of this class. Corresponding results are also shewn in respect of cases decided. The increase in the institutions is probably due to the increased number of execution cases out of which miscellaneous judicial cases commonly arise. In Hooghly, there was a perceptible falling off in the institution of such cases in the District Court; this is attributed by the District Judge to fewer land acquisition cases having been referred to the Court for trial during the year, and to applications for foreclosure of mortgages having been discontinued from the 1st of July of the year, the date on which the Transfer of Property Act came into operation.

Details are given below of the manner in which these cases were dealt with in the past two years :—

	By Regular Civil Courts.		By Small Cause Courts.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	5,830	6,589 †	547	627
Decided *ex parte*	6,952	7,292	244	204
Contested	16,768	18,250	2,036	2,205
TOTAL	29,550‡	32,131	2,827	3,036

† Includes 60 redemption and foreclosure cases.

Of the cases decided after contest by the Regular Civil Courts, the applications were granted in 55·3 per cent. and refused in the remainder. Of the whole number decided, 1,036 or 3·2 per cent. were compromised. In Small Cause Courts, 51·1 per cent. of the contested applications decided were granted, the rest being refused; 109 or 3·5 per cent. of the whole number decided, were compromised.

Miscellaneous (Non-judicial) cases.

See Table I.

The following table shews, for the years 1881 and 1882, the total number of miscellaneous non-judicial cases instituted under the Rent Law in the Courts of First Instance in Bengal, the total number decided by those Courts, and the number pending at the close of each of those years :—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1881	29,463	31,373	3,776
1882	26,966	27,510	3,232

The institution of miscellaneous cases of a non-judicial nature has fallen off steadily since 1879, when the number instituted amounted to 35,468. As compared with that year, the number instituted in 1882 decreased by 8,502 or 23·9 per cent.

‡ Revised figures for these details are not available.

Taking each district separately, the decrease was most marked in the following districts:—

	1881.	1882.	Decrease.
Sarun	2,908	2,255	653
Hooghly	2,643	2,175	468
24-Pergunnahs	1,871	1,403	468
Purneah	1,491	1,081	410
Midnapore	2,003	1,634	369
Tirhoot	2,638	2,293	345
Dinagepore	1,168	831	337
Tipperah	1,820	1,495	325

On the other hand, there was a marked increase in the following districts:—

	1881.	1882.	Increase.
Shahabad	1,442	1,962	520
Gya	463	874	411
Noakholly	283	625	342
Furreedpore	282	581	299

The increase in Gya is stated by the District Judge to be the result of the increase in the number of rent-suits. This, however, can hardly be the correct explanation, for, with the exception of Tirhoot, there was an increase in the number of rent-suits in all the districts named above, as those in which a considerable decrease in the number of miscellaneous cases of a non-judicial nature occurred. Again, in Shahabad and Furreedpore there was a decrease in the number of rent-suits, and an increase in the number of miscellaneous non-judicial cases.

The following statement exhibits in detail the several classes of miscellaneous (non-judicial) cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Courts in 1881 and 1882:—

	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Applications for the deposit of rent	27,577	24,799	29,575	25,333	3,202	2,668
Applications for assistance to distrain	1,260	1,344	1,219	1,383	364	325
Applications for the sale of distrained property	626	823	579	794	210	239
Total	29,463	26,966	31,373	27,510	3,776	3,232

From these details it will be observed that the decrease in the number of miscellaneous non-judicial cases was entirely in respect of applications for the deposit of rent.

Of the 1,383 applications for assistance to distrain property disposed of during the past year, 1,209 were granted and the rest refused.

Average duration of cases. *See Table Q.*

The average duration of suits, contested and uncontested, disposed of in the past year by the several grades of Courts, is given in the following statement:—

		District Judges.	Subordinate Judges.	Munsifs.	Small Cause Court Judges.
		M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.
Under ordinary procedure	Contested	4 6	10 21	3 17	...
	Uncontested	5 4	3 28	1 22	...
Under Small Cause Court procedure	Contested	...	0 27	1 8	0 28
	Uncontested	...	0 25	0 28	0 22

On a comparison with the corresponding statement given in the Report for 1881, it will be observed that, with the exception of contested as well as uncontested cases dealt with by Subordinate Judges under ordinary and under Small Cause Court procedure, suits, both contested and uncontested, were disposed of with greater promptitude in 1882 than in 1881. As in 1881, the duration of contested cases disposed of by the District Judge of Gya is very high (1 year 2 months and 15 days), while it is remarkably so (3 years 2 months and 11 days) in respect of contested cases disposed of by the Subordinate Judge. The District Judge disposed of only two original suits during the year. In Pubna, the duration of contested and uncontested cases disposed of by the District Judge, and of contested cases disposed of by the Subordinate Judge, was also very high. There was some improvement in the duration of cases decided by the District Judge of Hooghly, the duration in 1882 being 10 months and 5 days for contested cases and 8 months and 21 days for uncontested cases. In Chota Nagpore, the duration of contested cases decided by the Subordinate Judges was 9 months, and of uncontested cases, 3 months and 19 days. The Judicial Commissioner reports that this long duration of cases was unavoidable: the Subordinate Judges are district officers, who have to devote much of their time and attention to their ordinary executive work, in its several departments; and the duration of cases in their Courts must consequently always be greater than in the Courts of officers whose whole attention is devoted to civil work. As a matter of fact, experience has shown that the combination, in one officer, of the functions of a Civil Judge and of an executive officer, leads to the neglect of his civil work, and is, therefore, much to be deprecated.

III.—SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

I.—The Presidency Small Cause Courts.

Calcutta Small Cause Court.

The number of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the Calcutta Small Cause Court during 1881 and 1882 was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending
1881	34,108	34,063	1,333
1882	29,553	29,329	1,557

Of the 29,553 suits instituted, in 22,906, or 77·5 per cent., the value involved did not exceed Rs. 50; and of these, in 47 per cent. the value was trifling, in no case exceeding Rs. 10. In 746 cases the value exceeded Rs. 500, and of these again, in 134 cases it exceeded Rs. 1,000.

The total amount in litigation was Rs. 18,28,343 in the past, as compared with Rs. 17,28,960 in the previous, year. Details of the value of the suits instituted in the past two years are given below:—

Classified value of suits.	1881.	1882.
Up to Rs. 10	13,145	10,776
„ „ „ 50	14,030	12,130
„ „ „ 100	3,070	2,851
„ „ „ 500	3,183	3,050
„ „ „ 1,000	625	612
Above „ 1,000	55	134
TOTAL .	34,108	29,553

From these details it will be observed that the decrease has been entirely in respect of suits of the several scales of value given in the statement except

under the scale "above Rs. 1,000." The falling off of suits, especially those below Rs. 50, is, in the opinion of the Judges of the Presidency Small Cause Court, due to the change of procedure introduced by Act XV of 1882 ("The Presidency Small Cause Court Act") which came into operation on the 1st of July of that year. The new procedure enhances the trouble entailed on a party desirous of bringing a suit, by, among other things, requiring his attendance in Court. Such attendance must be either in person or by some one on his behalf acquainted with the facts of the case, and is necessary for the purpose of signing and verifying the plaint. When the plaintiff himself does not sign the plaint, the new procedure requires that it should be signed by his recognized agent. Under the old procedure, there was no necessity for a party to a suit to be present either in person or by pleader; he was sufficiently represented by "a relative, servant, or member of his establishment in his exclusive employ." This subject has already been commented on in the Resolution of the Government of Bengal in the report on the working of the Presidency Small Cause Court. As regards the decrease in suits valued above Rs. 50, the Judges report that apart from some allowance that must be made for the fact that the procedure under Act XV of 1882 was new, ordinary fluctuations must also be taken into account. The year 1882 was prosperous, and not one in which an influx of litigation could be expected. The increase in the number of suits of values exceeding Rs. 1,000 is due to the extended jurisdiction of the Presidency Small Cause Court conferred by the new Act; but this increase is greater than the Judges of that Court had anticipated. There were in all 168 suits valued at more than Rs. 1,000, of which 34 were instituted before the 1st of July 1882 by abandoning the excess in each case; and 134 in the half-year since that date. The 34 instituted before the 1st of July 1882 are included in the 612 set down against the scale of value "up to Rs. 1,000." In connection with the subject of the institutions in the Calcutta Small Cause Court, the Judges of that Court regret to have to report that the litigation of the year (1882) shows an increased tendency on the part of the trading community to deal in purely speculative contracts. Formerly such cases of contracts were confined to Government securities (the amount generally being Rs. 25,000) or to shares: now the Judges find that such cases have been extended to *gunny* bags and yellow metal; the object of the parties in many of them not being to contend the fact of an actual *bonâ fide* sale on one side or a purchase on the other, but simply to recover the difference, if any, of the market value of the goods on the date of delivery.

Of the suits disposed of during 1882, 4,345 did not come to trial, having been dismissed for default or for want of prosecution, or having been withdrawn with leave; 19,229 were decided without contest in the manner shown in the margin; and 5,755 were decided after contest or on reference to arbitration. The number of miscellaneous judicial cases disposed of by the Calcutta Small Cause Court in 1882 was 409. Of these, 41 were commissions received for execution from Courts in the interior, and 368 were distraint cases (not being interpleader claims) under the District Act, 1875.

Compromised	11,040
Decreed on confession	1,980
Decreed *ex parte*	6,161
Dismissed *ex parte*	48
TOTAL	19,229

Besides the above, 1,821 processes issued from Courts in the Mofussil were served by the Calcutta Small Cause Court on persons residing in Calcutta. Including the applications pending at the close of 1881, there were in the past year 14,779 applications for the execution of decrees on the file of the Calcutta Small Cause Court. Of these, 14,424 were disposed of, leaving 355 applications pending at the close of 1882. Of the applications disposed of, in 10,264 cases the decree was wholly or partly satisfied, in 4,128 cases satisfaction was obtained with, and in 6,136 cases without, the issue of process.

	Rs.
* With the issue of process	1,95,540
Without the issue of process	2,02,254

The total amount realized was Rs. 3,97,794 * in the past, as compared with Rs. 3,36,024 in the previous, year.

To effect the execution of decrees, the following were some of the principal coercive measures adopted by the Calcutta Court of Small Causes. In 417

cases the judgment-debtor was imprisoned, in 624 cases his movable property was sold, and in 64 cases his immovable property was made over to the decree-holder in liquidation of the debt.

II.—Small Cause Courts in the interior.

Small Cause Courts in the interior.

See Table A1.

The business coming before the Small Causes Courts in each district is shown in Table A, which has already been noticed. In Table A1 will be found details for each Court separately. Since the beginning of 1882 a new Court of Small Causes was established at Bongong under Notification* of the Government of Bengal dated 20th December 1881. This Court is included in the Kishnaghur group of Small Cause Courts, which now consists of Kishnaghur, Ranaghat, and Bongong: and the Meherpore Court, which formerly belonged to the Kishnaghur group, has been attached in the Kooshtea group, which now consists of Kooshtea, Chooadangah, and Meherpore. The Subordinate Judge of the district continues to preside in the Pubna Small Cause Court.

* *Vide* page 8 of Part I of the *Calcutta Gazette* of the 4th January 1882.

The total number of cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Small Cause Courts during the past two years was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of	Pending.
1881	54,637	55,420	3,025
1882	53,271	54,356	3,204

There was thus in 1882 a decrease of 1,366 cases filed and of 1,064 cases decided; while the pending files at the close of the same period increased by 179 cases.

The Courts, or groups of Courts, where the increase or decrease in the number of cases instituted has been greatest, are shewn below:—

	Increase.	Decrease.
Magoorah, &c.	...	1,587
Backergunge	...	1,222
Cuttack	976	...
Hooghly	778	...
Kishnaghur, &c.	618	...
Kooshtea, &c.	...	570
Dacca and Munshigunge	...	442
Bhaugulpore and Monghyr	334	...

The increase in the Kishnaghur group of Small Cause Courts is nominal, and is explained by the establishment of the new Court at Bongong; for by substituting for the figures of Bongong those of Meherpore, a decrease of 1,043 cases will be found in the institutions. The Judge of the Cuttack Small Cause Court suggests the following as the causes of the increase in the institutions in his Court:—

(1) the annexation of Killa Banki to the District of Cuttack;
(2) the gradual stimulus imparted to trade by the increased facilities afforded for inland navigation; and

(3) the large works now in hand in the Irrigation Department, and the new coast canal, in connection with which a large number of petty suits brought by contractors, &c., are said to have arisen.

No reasons have been given for the large decrease in the Magoorah group of Courts. In the Jessore Small Cause Court there was a decrease of 218 in the number of cases instituted in 1882; this, in the opinion of the presiding officer, is owing to the fact that the demand for labour in connection with the railway works has kept people out of Court. That officer is also of opinion that the good harvests of the past years have, as they invariably do, reduced the number of cases in his Court.

On comparing Table F 1, appended to this Report, with the corresponding table appended to the Report for 1881, it will be observed that the number of contested cases decided by the Small Cause Courts in the past year was 288 in excess of the number decided in 1881. The decrease in the number of suits instituted in 1882 has therefore been entirely in uncontested cases.

The subjoined table shows the number of cases instituted during each of the past four years in the principal Courts and Circles :—

	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.
Magoorah, Jhenidah and Narail	8,637	7,864	6,321	4,734
Dacca and Moonsheegunge	5,552	7,283	6,740	6,298
Jessore	5,927	4,209	4,065	3,847
Kooshtea, Chooadanga, and Meherpore	5,023	4,555	4,613	6,078
Kishnaghur, Ranaghat, and Bongong	6,338	5,775	6,482	5,065
Sealdah	5,690	5,228	5,257	5,538
Hooghly, Howrah and Serampore	5,130	5,413	5,595	6,373
Bhaugulpore and Monghyr	3,953	4,418	4,858	5,192
Furreedpore	908	1,411	1,311	1,079

It has already been stated that in 1882 there was an increase in the pending files of the Small Cause Courts, against a decrease in the institutions in such Courts. The increase in the pending files is most marked in the Courts at Kooshtea, Howrah, Serampore, and Sealdah. On the other hand, the arrears on the pending files were considerably reduced in the Courts at Munshigunge, Furreedpore, Chooadanga, and Magura.

Cases how decided.

In a preceding portion of this Report it is shewn that, of the total number of cases decided by the Small Cause Courts in the past year, 11,057, or 20·3 per cent., were contested. The following are the Courts or groups of Courts in which the number of contested cases was greatest in the past two years :— *See Table F 1.*

	1881.	1882.
Sealdah	1,459	1,619
Hooghly, &c.	1,277	1,492
Kooshtea, &c.	1,027	1,376
Dacca and Moonsheegunge	1,133	1,202
Magoorah, &c.	1,176	1,024
Bhaugulpore and Monghyr	781	861
Kishnaghur, &c.	1,192	848
Jessore	692	678

The relative position of the Courts at Sealdah and of the Hooghly group is for the past year exactly the same as for 1880 and 1881.

Value of suits instituted.

Out of 68,459 cases disposed of by officers vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court for the trial of petty suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value, 9,848, or 14·3 per cent., were contested. It has been shewn before that, of the cases of the Small Cause Court class before officers not vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge, 33,181 did not exceed Rs. 50 in value ; besides these, the value in 29,175 suits lay between Rs. 50 and Rs. 100. The Court has already on more than one occasion suggested that the powers vested in Munsiffs under Section 29, Act VI of 1871, should be extended to cases of the value of Rs. 100.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

IV.—THE HIGH COURT.

I.—Appeals under Section 15 of the Letters Patent.

Class of appeals.	Filed.		Decided.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
First Appeals . .	49	34	47	37
Second Appeals .	...	2	...	...
Third Appeals . .	114	97	103	109

The statement in the margin shews the number of appeals under Section 15 of the Letters Patent, preferred against the decrees of the High Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction, and decided in each of the past two years. The number of appeals before the Court in 1882, from the decisions of Judges of the High Court in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction, was 63, including 29 pending from the previous year. Of these, 37 were decided, and 26 remained unheard at the close of the year.

In the Reports of 1879, 1880, and 1881, it was stated that second appeals (*i.e.*, appeals in cases where the Judges of a Division Bench sitting in appeal are equally divided in opinion) are "prevented" by the operation of Section 575, Code of Civil Procedure. This statement is somewhat misleading, as the question as to whether such appeals will lie when one of two Judges of a Division Bench has affirmed the decree of the Lower Court, has been raised in a recent appeal (No. 2 of 1882) preferred under Section 15 of the Letters Patent of 1865, and has not yet been decided.

The number of third appeals presented in 1882 against the order of a single Judge on appeal from an appellate decree in suits valued at less than Rs. 50, was 97, as compared with 114 in 1880. The decrease is remarkable, seeing that the number of decisions passed by a single Judge was 662, or 288 in excess of the number passed in 1881. The manner in which "third appeals" were disposed of in the past two years is shewn below :—

	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Disposed of otherwise.
1881	71	2	23	6	1
1882	88	...	10	10	1

Third appeals were preferred from the orders passed in 14·6 per cent. of the 662 appeals decided in the past year by a single Judge of the High Court, and, of the whole number of third appeals determined in that year, in 80·7 per cent. the decision of the single Judge was confirmed, as compared with 68·9 per cent. in 1881.

	Disposed of.	
	1881.	1882.
Disposed of by a single Judge .	374	662
Ditto by a Bench of two Judges	835	588
Total .	1,209	1,250

The figures on the margin shew a considerable increase in the number of appeals in suits valued at less than Rs. 50, decided by a single Judge of the Court, and a considerable decrease in the number decided by Benches consisting of two Judges.

II.—Appeals from Courts in the interior.

Including cases coming from Assam and British Burma, the number of first and second appeals from the decrees and orders of the Civil Courts, brought before the High Court and decided in the past two years, is as shewn in the margin. Of the first appeals brought before the Court in 1882, 39, and of those decided 24, were appeals in contested probate cases.

Class of Appeals.	Brought before the Court.		Decided.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
First appeals—				
From decrees	346	349	327	417
From orders	224	232	223	204
Second appeals—				
From decrees	2,351	2,817	2,617	3,285
From orders	134	164	184	155

The following statement shews the manner in which the appeals brought before the Court came upon the file :—

			Instituted.	Received by transfer.	On review of Judgment.	Revived.
APPEALS FROM	Original	Decrees	320	10	2	17
		Orders	230	...	...	2
	Appellate	Decrees	2,789	...	9	19
		Orders	163	...	...	1

The number of appeals from Courts in the interior decided by the High Court was 4,061 in the past as compared with 3,301 in the previous year. This increase was chiefly in respect of appeals from the appellate decrees of Lower Courts. On the other hand, there was a slight decrease in the number of appeals from original orders decided in 1882.

	Decrease.	Increase.
First appeals—		
From decrees	68	...
From orders	...	28
Second appeals—		
From decrees	468	...
From orders	...	9
TOTAL	536	37

The amount of the increase or decrease as the case may be, in the pending files is shewn in detail in the margin.

The following statement shews in a more complete form the work which has come before the High Court in its appellate jurisdiction during each of the past four years. It will be observed that there was a considerable increase in the civil business of the Court in 1882, while there was a slight decrease in the criminal business :—

		Brought before the Court.				Decided.			
		1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.
FIRST APPEALS	From decrees.	366	396	346	349	289	356	327	417
	From orders .	197	231	224	232	206	252	223	204
SECOND APPEALS	From decrees.	3,012	2,566	2,351	2,817	1,941	2,245	2,617	3,285
	From orders .	104	128	134	164	100	142	134	155
Appeals under the Letters Patent		36	45	114	99	31	55	103	109
References to a Full Bench .		4	14	12	14	4	16	8	7
Applications for review . .		45	33	75	46	45	33	75	46
References		24	38	28	30	22	37	25	34
Divorce cases		2	1	2	3	1	2	...	4
Criminal cases . . .		1,384	1,515	1,478	1,389	1,318	1,532	1,493	1,405

The following table shews the usual number of Judges at the commencement of each month during the last three years, excluding those on leave or deputation :—

	1880.				1881.				1882.			
	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.
January . . .	5	6	...	11	4	5	1	10	5 (*a*)	7 (*b*)	2 (*c*)	14
February . . .	5	6	...	11	5	6	1	12	5	7	2	14
March . . .	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	7	2	14
April . . .	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	4 (*d*)	7 (*e*)	2	13
May	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	4 (*f*)	7	2	13
June . . .	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	4	7	2	13
July	5	6	1	12	4	5	1	10	5 (*g*)	6 (*h*)	2	13
August . . .	5	6	1	12	4	5	1	10	4 (*i*)	5 (*j*)	1 (*k*)	10
September . . .	5	6	1	12	4	5	1	10	4	5	1	10
October . . .	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11	4	5	1	10
November . . .	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5 (*l*)	6 (*m*)	1	12
December . . .	4	5	1	10	5	6	1	12	4 (*n*)	5 (*o*)	1	10

(*a*) Mr. Justice White resumed his seat as a Judge on the 30th January 1882. Mr. Justice Broughton, an Acting Judge, vacated his seat on the 29th January 1882.

(*b*) Mr. Justice O'Kinealy, appointed as a temporary additional Judge, joined his appointment on the 1st January 1882.

(*c*) Mr. Justice Bose, a temporary additional Judge, joined his appointment on the 1st January 1882.

(*d*) Mr. Justice Pontifex availed himself of furlough for 1 year with subsidiary leave for 12 days on the 31st March 1882.

(*e*) Mr. Justice Morris availed himself of furlough for 7 months and 20 days on the 27th March 1882. Mr. Justice Macpherson, appointed to officiate as a Judge of the High Court, *vice* the Honourable Mr. Justice O'Kinealy, appointed to act as a Judge during the absence on furlough of Mr. Justice Morris, took his seat on the 28th March 1882.

(*f*) Mr. Justice Pigot, appointed to officiate as a Judge of the High Court during the absence on furlough of the Honourable Mr. Justice Pontifex, took his seat on the 4th May 1882. Mr. Justice White vacated his seat as a Judge on the 19th May 1882.

(*g*) Mr. Justice Norris took his seat as a Judge on the 17th June 1882 in succession to Mr. Justice Pontifex, resigned. Mr. Justice Pigot was confirmed in his appointment with effect from the 11th July 1882, in succession to Mr. Justice White.

(*h*) Mr. Justice Prinsep availed himself on the 26th June 1882 of privilege leave for 2 months and 23 days.

(*i*) The Honourable Sir Richard Garth, *Knight*, Chief Justice, availed himself on the 14th July 1882 of privilege leave for 2 months and 4 days. Mr. Justice Mitter took his seat as Officiating Chief Justice for that period on the 14th July 1882.

(*j*) The services of Mr. Macpherson were replaced at the disposal of the Government of Bengal from the 1st August 1882.

(*k*) The services of Mr. Mohendro Nath Bose were replaced at the disposal of the Government of Bengal from the 1st August 1882.

(*l*) The Honourable Sir Richard Garth, *Knight*, Chief Justice, resumed his seat on the re-opening of the Court after the Dusserah vacation on the 23rd November 1882.

(*m*) Mr. Justice Morris retired from the service on the 17th November 1882. Mr. Justice Prinsep resumed his seat on the re-opening of the Court after the Dusserah vacation on the 23rd November 1882.

(*n*) Mr. Justice Pigot obtained furlough on private affairs for 15 days from the 23rd November 1882.

(*o*) Mr. Justice Tottenham availed himself on the 23rd November 1882 of privilege leave for one month.

The following statement shews the state of the files of the High Court from year to year since its constitution:—

Number of appeals (civil and criminal) from the decisions of the Courts in the interior instituted in the years 1862 to 1882.

[The figures for 1862 are those for half the year only.]

Year.	First appeals.	Second appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Criminal appeals.	Year.	First appeals.	Second appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Criminal appeals.
1862 . .	359	1,666	180	781	1873 . .	327	3,024	405	1,438
1863 . .	595	3,659	361	798	1874 . .	348	3,225	535	1,370
1864 . .	485	3,728	495	868	1875 . .	329	2,966	400	1,159
1865 . .	417	3,633	715	1,040	1876 . .	367	2,945	413	1,210
1866 . .	460	3,438	854	1,121	1877 . .	343	2,658	363	1,107
1867 . .	382	3,466	665	1,396	1878 . .	302	2,621	337	1,248
1868 . .	273	3,334	557	1,095	1879 . .	358	3,001	297	1,271
1869 . .	285	3,047	558	1,214	1880 . .	354	2,490	356	1,406
1870 . .	296	2,731	492	1,296	1881 . .	334	2,334	353	1,424
1871 . .	287	1,397	365	1,294	1882 . .	330	2,789	393	1,349
1872 . .	290	1,985	347	1,518					

Districts from which apeals came.

Of the 330 appeals from original decrees instituted during the past year, 7 came from Assam and 1 from British Burma. Of the 322 appeals pertaining to the Lower Provinces of Bengal, the largest numbers came from the following districts, *viz.*:— *See Table Y.*

Tirhoot	53
Bhaugulpore	26
Patna	25
Sarun	20

and the smallest numbers came from Chittagong, Moorshedabad and Tipperah (2 from each), and Beerbhoom and Purneah (4 from each). None came from Dinagepore. In the other districts in the Province the numbers varied from 5 to 19.

Appeals classed according to value.

The following statement exhibits separately for each Province the value of appeals from original and appellate decrees instituted during the past year:—

	Appeals from original decrees.		Appeals from appellate decrees.	
	Valued at Rs. 10,000 and upwards.	Valued at less than Rs. 10,000.	Valued at more than Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 50 in value.
Lower Provinces of Bengal . .	57	265	1,593	1,110
Assam	1	6	55	31
British Burma	...	1	...	...

It will be observed that, of the appeals from original decrees, 58 (or 17·5 per cent.) were valued at Rs. 10,000 and upwards. Of the appeals against appellate decrees, 1,141 (or 40·9 per cent. of the whole) were of a value not exceeding Rs. 50.

The greatest number of these petty appeals came from the following districts, *viz.*:—

Midnapore	144
Tirhoot	106
Dacca	94
Sarun	90
Hooghly	78
Shahabad	76
Bhaugulpore	58
Tipperah	55
Patna	54

The smallest numbers came from Cachar (2), and from Moorshedabad, Rajshahye, and the Assam Valley Districts (3 from each).

The following table shews more in detail the value of appeals from the original and appellate decrees of the Courts in the interior, and of third appeals under the Letters Patent instituted during the year :—

	Appeals from original decrees of Courts in the interior.	Appeals from appellate decrees of Courts in the interior.	Second and third appeals under the Letters Patent.
Not exceeding Rs. 10	...	340	28
„ „ „ 50	...	801	69
„ „ „ 100	1	449	...
„ „ „ 500	26	778	...
„ „ „ 1,000	25	199	...
„ „ „ 5,000	77	208	1
„ „ „ 10,000	101	...	...
„ „ „ 1,00,000	53	...	1
Exceeding „ 1,00,000	5	...	...
Value not denotable	42(*a*)	14(*b*)	...
TOTAL	330(*c*)	2,789	99

(*a*) Thirty-nine of these are will cases. Of the remainder, one is a suit under Section 265 of the Contract Act; another is a suit for setting aside the order of a Revenue authority; and the remaining one is a suit for costs disallowed in the decretal order.

(*b*) These consist of the following suits, *viz.*, three for establishment of title; five for declaratory right; two for registration of name; one for restitution of conjugal rights; one for right to a pathway; one for setting aside an order; and one for setting aside a sale.

(*c*) These figures include one appeal from Rangoon.

Result of appeals
See Table Z.

Sixty-six appeals from original decrees, 425 appeals from appellate decrees, and 55 miscellaneous appeals, did not come to a hearing, having been either summarily rejected, dismissed in default, withdrawn or compromised.

The details are as follows :—

	Appeals from original decrees.	Appeals from appellate decrees.	Miscellaneous appeals.
Summarily rejected	...	312	39
Dismissed in default	45	54	5
Withdrawn	5	31	4
Compromised	16	28	7

The result of appeals as affecting the decisions of the Lower Court in the cases decided on trial is shewn below :—

	Appeals from original decrees.	Appeals from appellate decrees.	Miscellaneous appeals.
Affirmed	203	2,060	194
Reversed	72	230	65
Varied	56	81	10
Remanded	20	489	35

The ratio of cases in which the decisions of the Lower Courts were reversed or varied was 36·4 per cent. in appeals from original decrees, 10·8 per cent. in appeals from appellate decrees, and 24·6 per cent. in miscellaneous appeals.

The following table shews the result of appeals decided by the High Court as affecting District and Subordinate Judges :—

	Affirmed.		Modified or reversed.	
	Judges.	Subordinate Judges.	Judges.	Subordinate Judges.
Appeals from original decrees . .	42	161	11	117
Appeals from appellate decrees . .	1,055	1,005	174	137
Miscellaneous appeals . . .	118	76	46	29

The proportion of cases in which orders of remand were passed, or in which the Lower Court was directed to take further evidence, to the number decided by the High Court after a hearing, is given in the margin, and shews, on comparison with the figures of 1881, a considerable increase in respect of appeals from appellate decrees, and a considerable decrease in respect of appeals from original decrees. Of the whole number of appeals decided after a hearing, 15·4 per cent. were dealt with in the manner described above in 1882, as compared with 12·4 per cent. in 1881. These cases came principally from the districts of Sarun, Tirhoot, Bhaugulpore, Purneah, and Tipperah.

	Percentage.		
	1880.	1881.	1882.
Appeals from original decrees .	7·86	12 95	5·69
Appeals from appellate decrees .	14·4	12·6	17·09
Miscellaneous appeals . .	6·1	11·	11·51

The following statement shews the number of appeals to Her Majesty in Council filed in the High Court on the Appellate Side since the institution of the Court; the figures for 1862 are those for half the year :— Appeals to the Privy Council.

Years.	Total number of appeals filed.				Appeals struck off, compromised, &c.				Despatched to England.			
	In first appeals.		In second appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In first appeals.		In second appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In first appeals.		In second appeals.	Miscellaneous.
	Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs. 10,000.			Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs. 10,000.			Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs. 10,000.		
1862 . .	9	3	3	...	2	3	3	...	7	...	...	...
1863 . .	76	17	4	...	32	10	2	...	44	7	2	...
1864 . .	98	22	10	1	49	16	9	1	49	6	1	...
1865 . .	58	13	11	2	21	10	6	1	37	3	5	1
1866 . .	47	12	7	5	16	7	4	3	31	5	3	2
1867 . .	30	11	54	2	15	3	2	1	15	8	52	1
68 . .	40	15	9	5	16	8	7	1	24	7	2	4
1869 . .	38	4	1	3	7	1	...	2	31	3	1	1
1870 . .	29	13	4	10	5	7	2	7	24	6	2	3
1871 . .	16	7	6	2	2	3	3	2	14	4	3	...
1872 . .	11	8	6	6	2	5	5	6	9	3	1	...
1873 . .	24	10	8	4	9	8	6	1	15	2	2	2
1874 . .	28	15	17	11	7	9	14	10	21	6	3	1
1875 . .	24	9	6	4	12	4	5	1	12	5	1	3
1876 . .	19	21	6	5	13	11	2	4	5	12	4	1
1877 . .	29	18	6	12	13	12	6	9	15	2	...	3
1878 . .	28	6	11	10	12	5	10	4	16	1	1	2
1879 . .	33	13	4	7	21	10	2	4	13*	4*	2	3
1880 . .	22	10	5	8	13	6	2	3	15*	6*	2	...
1881 . .	27	18	5	7	16*	11*	5*	2*	14*	5*	3*	...
1882 . .	36	24	13	3	19	10	5	2	1	...	...	...
Total .	722	269	196	107	302	159	100	64	412	95	90	27

* Revised figures.

Of 1,294 cases filed in the past 20½ years, 625 were struck off, compromised, &c., and 624 were despatched to England. Forty-five cases were pending preparation and despatch to England at the close of 1882.

The following table shows the result of appeals to the Privy Council, in which the judgments on appeal have been received during the past six years. Besides the cases here entered as disposed of in 1882, two appeals were dismissed for want of prosecution:—

Year.	Judgments received from Privy Council.	Decision of the Court affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.
1877	11	7	...	3	1
1878	9	4	3	2	...
1879	22	12	8	2	...
1880	18	11	7	...	...
1881	15	12	1	1	...
1882	10	4	...	...	...
Total .	85	50	19	8	1

V.—APPELLATE COURTS UNDER THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals instituted
See Table J.

The number of appeals in regular suits instituted, disposed of, and pending in the local Courts during the past three years, was as follows:—

	Instituted	Disposed of.	Pending.
1880	19,529	17,559	13,143
1881	19,792	18,579	14,840
1882	19,501	22,337	12,696

These figures show a decrease of 291 in the total number of appeals preferred during 1882, as compared with 1881. On a reference to Table J, which gives details in respect of each district, it will be observed that the variations in the figures for the past two years was most marked in the following districts:—

	Increase.	Decrease.
Midnapore	...	707
Patna	...	463
Backergunge	318	...
Tirhoot	207	...
Shahabad	196	...
Rajshahye	158	...
Bankura	...	130
Hooghly	126	...
Bhaugulpore	...	118
Rungpore	...	110
Purneah	...	110
Moorshedabad	108	...
Tipperah	100	...
Chittagong	100	...

The increase in Hooghly is reported to be the result of a corresponding increase in the number of contested cases disposed of by the Subordinate Civil Courts of the District. But the fallacy of this argument, as a general one, is

shewn by the fact that, although it may be made to apply to the other districts in which a marked increase in the number of appeals is reported, it cannot be considered applicable in the case of Tipperah or Tirhoot, where the number of contested cases disposed of in 1882 was far below the number disposed of in 1881. The very great decrease in the number of appeals filed in Midnapore is explained by the fact that the institutions of 1880 and 1881 were abnormally swelled by 642 appeals in settlement suits arising out of the late re-settlement of parts of the Contai and Tumlook jurisdiction. In this district there was also a decrease in the number of contested cases disposed of during the year.

The District Judge of Bankura reports that the decrees in the number of appeals filed in that district tends to shew that the decisions of the Munsifs have given greater satisfaction to the people in the past than in the previous year. Appeals in this district have been steadily decreasing since 1880, when 452 were filed. In Burdwan there was a decrease of 98 in the number of appeals preferred. On this subject, the District Judge records the following remarks:—

"The decrease appears to be steady, as the number of appeals filed in 1881 was less by 118 than the number in 1880. I am nearly certain that this decrease, which is proceeding in an inverse ratio to the number of cases decided (these shewing a steady increase), is almost entirely due to the gradually increasing cost of litigation. The scale of charges connected with the prosecution of appeals is now so high that defeated litigants cannot afford to try their chance in an Appellate Court unless the suit is of tolerably high value. I think this is shewn by the fact that the Subordinate Judge's appeals, where the value of property is high, have increased from 8, valued at Rs. 13,367 in 1881, to 15, valued at Rs. 26,755 in 1882."

The District Judge has also forwarded some remarks to the effect that the cost of copies, under the copying system already mentioned, presses hardly upon suitors; and he urges the necessity of a reduction of these fees. He also states that the number of cases in which affidavits are required has also increased, and that there is too great a disposition on the part of the Lower Courts to insist upon or to encourage optional affidavits when evidence might be adduced in Court—a procedure which tends to add to the expense of litigation. As regards the cost of copies, it is sufficient to state that the question of the reduction of the fees is one which has for some time engaged the earnest attention of the Court; and that the Judges have now under consideration the necessity of reducing the charges, and of making such other alterations in the rules as the figures taken from the returns, not only of Burdwan, but of the whole Province of Bengal, would seem to justify. On the subject of affidavits the Court would remark that the returns for the past 3½ years furnish proof of a falling off in the number of optional, and an increase in the number of compulsory, affidavits filed throughout Bengal; so that the "encouragement" referred to by the District Judge can hardly be said to be general.

The decrease in Rungpore is also attributed partly, if not wholly, by the District Judge to the increased cost of litigation under the new scheme for the preparation of copies.

The number of appeals disposed of during 1882 was considerably in excess of the number disposed of in 1881; and, as a consequence, the arrears on the pending files were reduced by 2,144 cases. The districts where the increase in the number disposed of is most marked are given below:—

	Disposed of.		Increase
	1881.	1882.	
Shahabad	444	1,753	1,309
Tirhoot	1,273	2,563	1,290
Chittagong	494	1,108	614
Midnapore	920	1,462	542
Mymensingh	713	1,229	516

On the other hand, there was a marked decrease in the number of appeals decided in 1882 in the following districts:—

	Disposed of.		Decrease.
	1881.	1882.	
Patna	1,303	543	760
Gya	705	427	278
Cuttack	278	80	198
Furreedpore	555	406	149

The arrears on the files of pending appeals increased or decreased (as the case may be) in a marked degree in the following districts :—

	Increase.	Decrease.
Tirhoot	...	781
Midnapore	...	686
Shahabad	...	627
Bankura	...	315
Burdwan	...	220
Backergunge	195	...
Patna	195	...
Cuttack	168	...
Pubna and Bogra	163	...

The falling off in the number of appeals decided in Gya in the year under review is stated by the District Judge to be partly owing to the fact that there was an additional Judge in 1881; and also to the fact that much of the time of the Court during the year under report was occupied in criminal work and in the trial of the Muksudpore case referred to in an earlier part of this Report. The increase in the arrears on the pending files at Cuttack is also attributed to the District Judge not being able to devote much time to civil work owing to the Criminal Sessions. The High Court have not been satisfied with this explanation.

On a reference to Table K, it will be observed that the number of decisions in Courts in the interior, in which an appeal lay to the District Court, was in the past year 71,924. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 77,985. The ratio of appeals to decisions was therefore 26·8 per cent. for the past as compared with 25·2 per cent. for the previous year. The percentage was highest in the following districts :—

	Percentage. 1881.	1882.
Patna	55·26	60·99
Tirhoot	38·15	59·66
Gya	43·57	50·37
Sarun	47·40	47·52
Shahabad	42·94	45·18

Appeals classed. *See Table L.*

The following figures shew for each of the two past years the number of appeals filed under each of the three chief classes :—

	In suits for money or movables.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.
1881	3,625	8,564	7,603
1882	3,390	9,506	6,605

These figures shew that the decrease in the institution of appeals was entirely in respect of appeals in suits for money or movables and in "title and other suits."

Appeals valued. *See Table M.*

The value of appeals of each of these three classes instituted in 1881 and 1882 is shewn in the following statement :—

	In suits for money or movables.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1881	6,62,881	6,40,389	14,14,793
1882	7,26,779	7,13,889	14,30,451

The total value of appeals filed was thus Rs. 28,71,119 in 1882, as compared with Rs. 27,18,063 in 1881, shewing an increase of Rs. 1,53,056, to

which all three classes of appeals have contributed. The increase in the money value of appeals, in suits for money or movables and in "title and other suits" is chiefly noticeable because there was a decrease in the institution of appeals of these classes.

The following table gives details of the value of appeals filed in the past year in the Civil Courts:—

Scale of Values.	Number of Appeals.			
	In suits for money or movables.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.	Total.
Not exceeding Rs. 10	122	2,395	617	3,184
„ „ „ 50	751	4,124	2,335	7,210
„ „ „ 100	1,000	1,438	1,238	3,676
„ „ „ 500	1,185	1,307	1,656	4,148
„ „ „ 1,000	198	135	293	626
„ „ „ 5,000	132	79	353	564
Value not stated	2	28	63	93
Total .	3,390	9,506	6,605	19,501

Out of 19,501 appeals the District and Subordinate Judges were both competent to try 18,937, or 97·1 per cent. In the remainder, *i.e.*, 564 cases, or in 2·9 per cent., the appeal lay only to the District Judge, the Court of first instance being the Subordinate Judge.

The following statement shews the result of appeals in the past two years is affecting the decisions of the Lower Courts:— Appeals how disposed of. *See Table N.*

	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.
1881	11,003	1,913	3,594	638	1,431
1882	12,787	2,759	4,129	752	1,910

These figures shew an increase under each head. The proportion of cases in which the orders of the Court of first instance were upheld was, however, not so satisfactory as in 1881; this proportion being 57·2 per cent. in the past as against 59 2 per cent. in the previous year.

The following comparative table shews the percentage of decisions confirmed, modified, &c., during the past three years:—

	1880.	1881.	1882.
Confirmed	59·24	59·22	57·25
Modified	10·02	10·29	12·35
Reversed	21·11	19·31	18·48
Remanded	3·34	3·43	3·37

The proportion of cases, in which the decision of the first Court was upheld, was favourable in Gya, where it was 73·5 per cent., and in Backergunge, Hooghly, Purneah, Shahabad Nuddea, Cuttack, Chota Nagpore, Tipperah, and Burdwan, where it was between 61·2 and 64·7 per cent. On the other hand, the proportion was smallest in Midnapore (48·5 per cent.), Noakhally (48·6 per cent.), Bhaugulpore (49·6 per cent.), and Tirhoot (49·7 per cent.).

Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.

It was stated in the beginning of this Report that according to the more recent instructions issued by the High Court regarding the preparation of the periodical returns, certain classes of miscellaneous cases of a judicial nature have been included in the statements of "Appeals in miscellaneous cases." All these cases and appeals are now exhibited under the general description "Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts," and the number of such cases instituted, disposed of, and pending during the past two years was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1881	1,208	1,302	434
1882	1,802	1,829	452

From these figures it will be observed that there was a considerable increase in the number of such cases instituted in 1882 as compared with 1881. This increase is most marked in the following districts, *viz.*, Tipperah (84), Mymensingh (67), 24-Pergunnahs (59), Dacca (55), Chittagong (52). The increase in Mymensingh is considerable, for the institutions in this district rose from 7 in 1881 to 74 in 1882. The institution of cases of this class fell off slightly in only 8 districts in the Province. Notwithstanding the considerable increase in the number disposed of, the arrears on these files have increased by 18 cases.

VI.—GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.

Work done by District Judges. *See Table P 1.*

The work done by District Judges during each of the past four years (1879-1882) is shewn in the following table:—

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.	Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1879 . . .	4,229	2,972	231	6,733	7,529	1,205 *	1,404	2,770
1880 . . .	3,994	3,179	251	6,889	7,775	1,289 *	1,573	3,194
1881 . . .	4,344	3,020	298	6,649	7,606	1,185 *	1,476	3,404
1882 . . .	4,448	3,138	354	6,901	9,052	1,405	1,512	3,606

* Miscellaneous appeals only.

Notwithstanding the increase in the number of Sessions trials and Criminal Appeals, the Civil work, especially appellate work, done by District Judges was far in excess of that done by them in 1881. The District Judge of Chittagong got through less Civil work in 1882 than in 1881; he ascribes this falling off to the fact that during a great part of the year he was hardly a week free from the fever common to the district. He states that this fever was of a low type, and did not prevent his sitting regularly, though it certainly impeded his work; and that he would have taken leave but for the hope that the fever would pass off. The District Judge of Cuttack also did less work than in 1881. The reason given is the increase of Criminal work. He states that for a long time he found a very serious difficulty in his way in the language, for he could not understand either depositions or documents read to him without explanation. Certain of the District Judges have also alluded to the increase of work in their Courts, and on this subject the following extracts have been taken from their reports:—

Burdwan.—"I have finally to offer some remarks on the difficulty which frequently arises in this district owing to accumulation of Civil work, which can only be disposed of by the District Judge. There were in the last year 1,544 miscellaneous judicial cases for disposal, of which 271 were in the Judge's file; of these many were contested certificate and guardianship cases involving heavy sums and considerable expenditure of time. The contested probate cases are also numerous, and are for exceptionally high amounts. The number of original Civil suits triable exclusively by the Judge are, I believe, judging from the figures of 1881, larger than in any other district except Jessore. The duty paid in probate and certificate cases during the past year amounted to Rs. 5,392 for 104 cases. Many of such cases can only be disposed of after an expenditure of time and trouble equal to that involved in regular Civil suits.

"In addition to this the Judge has to dispose of all Bankura Criminal appeals and all cases committed to the Bankura Sessions, in which it appears probable that a sentence greater than seven years' imprisonment, or transportation, will be passed.

"The result of the above facts is that when, as occurred during the close of the year under review, an unusually large number of Sessions cases are committed, the Civil work which the Judge is bound to try (insolvent, probate, endowment and certificate cases) gets into hopeless arrears, and the Judge is also entirely precluded from taking on his own file, as I should always wish to do, Civil cases triable by Subordinate Judges which involve any points of complexity or any large amount of property."

Chittagong.—"The work is now increasingly protracted by argument and cross-examination. There are now three resident barristers here, and others come here occasionally. It is a truism to say that these gentlemen are retained to raise every possible preliminary objection, and to dispute every inch of ground. The local counsel are, I believe, remunerated by a daily fee, so that they have no sufficient motive for brevity.

"I may note the increasing degree in which resort is had to the Court in matters domestic. I am hardly ever without proceedings more or less keenly contested bearing on the custody of minors, the marriage of minor girls, and the possession of minor wives.

"Of extra-judicial matters the heaviest have been the investigation of a substitution of a forged document in a record, and the consequent re-arrangement of the Record and Copying Departments, and the long investigation of and report on the record-room."

Hooghly.—"It will be seen from the table that the institution of original suits cognizable by the District Court alone is annually on the increase; this is no doubt chiefly the result of the precedent of the Honourable High Court, which has ruled that suits for adjustment of partnership accounts are triable by the District Court alone under Section 265 of the Contract Act. But besides these suits, others—*e.g.*, contested probate and administration cases, suits under the patent laws, and for dissolution of marriage, instances of all of which occurred during the past year—are yearly becoming more numerous."

Mymensingh.—"I find that the time the District Judge can give to Civil work in this district is inadequate, and that much of it is wasted on miscellaneous cases—some unimportant in themselves, and others rendered important only by the manner in which the provisions of the law are strained by the parties in order to obtain the decision of the Court on points raised only incidentally."

In Mymensingh the amount of Criminal work disposed of by the Judge was just double the amount done in 1881.

The work of the Judges of Chittagong, Cuttack, and Pubna has been brought specially to the notice of the Local Government.

The following statement shews the amount of work, Civil and Criminal, done by Additional Judges during the dast four years:— Work done by Additional Judges. *See Table P 2.*

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.	Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1879 . . .	401	311	8	491	639	115	278	41
1880 . . .	275	198	6	154	517	74	133	...
1881 . . .	248	165	...	107	507	36	139	59
1882 . . .	114	140	2	10	258	11	104	36

The decrease in the amount of work done by Additional Judges since 1880 is due to the fact that in the past year the only permanent Additional Judge employed in the Province was the Additional Judge of the 24-Pergunnahs, who is also employed at Howrah in the Hooghly District. It is true that the District Judge of Bankura was employed for a short time as an Additional Judge of that district, and that an Additional Judge was deputed to assist the District Judge of Gya; but these arrangements were only temporary.

The amount of work done by Subordinate Judges during the past four years was as follows:— Work done by Subordinate Judges. *See Table P 3.*

	Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.
1879	5,783	7,924	11,318	88 (*a*)
1880	5,147	7,427	9,267	65 (*a*)
1881	5,113	6,128	10,466	27 (*a*)
1882	4,943	6,703	13,027	413

(*a*) These are miscellaneous appeals only, heard by Deputy Commissioners, who are also Subordinate Judges in Chota Nagpore.

As stated in the Report for 1881, the Subordinate Judge of Cuttack exercises the functions of a Munsif, and in this capacity he disposed of only 11 applications for the execution of decrees. The Subordinate Judge of Dinagepore holds similar powers, but the work done by him in this capacity is exhibited separately in Table P 4. In Purneah the Subordinate Judge is vested, as in previous years, with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge for the trial of cases cognizable by such Courts up to the limit of Rs. 50 in value.

At the close of 1882, there were employed in the Province 47 Subordinate Judges and 13 Small Cause Court Judges vested with the powers of a Subordinate Judge. Of the former, eight were Deputy Commissioners, and three were Covenanted Civil Servants, who under the scheme for training young Civilians for the judicial service were vested with the original powers of a Subordinate Judge. The corresponding figures for 1881 were 38 (*a*) Subordinate Judges (inclusive of Deputy Commissioners) and 13 Small Cause Court Judges vested with the powers of a Subordinate Judge. The nine Additional Subordinate Judges employed at the close of 1882 were: one Covenanted Civil Servant vested with the powers of a Subordinate Judge in each of the Districts Bhaugulpore, Purneah, and Shahabad: and one ordinary Subordinate Judge at each of the Districts Bankura, Chittagong, Jessore, Mymensing, Patna, and Tirhoot.

The appointment of an Additional Subordinate Judge in Jessore is due to the fact that during the past year the Sub-divisions of Khulna, Bagirhat, and Satkhira were withdrawn—the first two from Jessore, and the last from the 24-Pergunnahs—and formed into a new District named Khulna. This district is within the jurisdiction of the District Judge of Jessore and has a Subordinate Judge attached to it.

The work done by Covenanted Civil Servants as Subordinate Judges was as follows:—

	Original Suits.			
	Withdrawn, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.
Bhaugulpore	3	7	2	12
Mymensingh	...	2	...	2
Purneah	...	12	8	20 (*b*)
Shahabad	...	2	2	4
TOTAL .	3	23	12	38

Work one by Munsifs.
See Table P 4.

The following figures shew the number of suits and miscellaneous cases disposed of by Munsifs during each of the past three years:—

YEAR.	ORIGINAL SUITS DISPOSED OF UNDER ORDINARY PROCEDURE.		ORIGINAL SUITS DISPOSED OF UNDER SMALL CAUSE COURT PROCEDURE.		Total.	Miscellaneous cases.
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.		
1880 . . .	77,055	207,183	6,084	31,730	322,052	179,411
1881 . . .	79,117	203,006	7,345	39,993	329,461	148,958
1882 . . .	73,501	206,189	9,783	58,111	347,584	160,121

The number of ordinary Munsifs employed at the close of 1882 was 230 as compared with 222 employed at the close of 1881. Besides the ordinary Munsifs, there were two Assistant Commissioners of Chota Nagpore vested with the powers of a Munsif, and 15 Covenanted Civil Servants (of whom one is a native) who were appointed Munsifs under the scheme already mentioned. The number of such special officers employed at the close of 1881 was three Assistant Commissioners and four Covenanted Civil Servants. The amount of

(*a*) The Deputy Commissioner of Darjeeling, who is also a Subordinate Judge vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge, was incorrectly omitted from the return for 1881.
(*b*) In the special reports on this subject, the figures are given as 18.

Munsif's work done by Covenanted Civil Servants during the past year is shewn in the following statement (*a*) :—

DISTRICTS.	SUITS.				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.		
	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decree.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Backergunge (Barisal) . . .	44	83	40	167	9	...	...
Burdwan (Sudder and Raneegunge) .	48	39	25	112	5	7	1
Bankura (Sudder)	19	11	11	41	...	1	...
Dacca (Sudder)	29	10	19	58	3	3	...
Gya (Sudder and Jehanabad) . .	1	...	18	19	...	...	...
Hooghly (Serampore) . . .	4	3	7	14(*b*)	...	1	...
Midnapore (Sudder) . . .	7	2	12	21	3	2	...
Moorshedabad (Sudder) . . .	16	10	29	55	3	1	...
Mymensingh (Sudder) . . .	8	3	17	28	...	...	...
Patna (Behar)	13	5	13	31(*c*)	...	3	...
Pubna and Bogra (Serajgunge) .	35	33	20	88	13	1	...
Rungpore (Sudder) . . .	17	12	9	38	1	1	...
Sarun (Chupra and Sewan) . .	40	8	24	72	2	...	...
Shahabad (Buxar and Sasseeram) .	37	5	38	80	5	1	...
Tirhoot (Tajpore and Hajeepore) .	29	17	15	61	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore (Ranchi) . . .	19	6	9	34	4	...	...
TOTAL .	366	247	306	919	48	21	1

The following Munsifs disposed of the largest number of original suits and contested cases during the past year :—

	Suits.		Contested cases.
1st Munsif of Midnapore . .	5,093	Munsif of Ramroygram . .	837
,, ,, of Perozepore . .	4,166	,, of Khulna . . .	831
,, ,, of Barisal . . .	3,902	2nd ,, of Alipore . . .	829
,, ,, of Diamond Harbour .	3,741	,, of Jhenidah . . .	813
2nd ,, of Barisal . . .	3,674	1st ,, of Perozepore . .	796
,, of Khulna . . .	3,665	,, ,, of Diamond Harbour .	772
1st ,, of Kaligunge . .	3,551	,, ,, of Kishengunge . . .	761
,, ,, of Manickgunge . .	3,450	,, of Magoorah . . .	710

(*a*) In his special report on this subject the District Judge of the 24 Pergunnahs returned 9 cases as decided by the Civilian Munsif stationed at his head-quarters. In his annual returns he shews no cases dealt with by such an officer.
(*b*) In his special report the District Judge gives 13 as the correct figures.
(*c*) In his special report the District Judge gives 29 as the correct figures.

As pointed out in the Report for 1881, this statement is of little practical value, in considering the amount of actual work performed by any one officer.

Receipts and charges of the Civil Courts. *See Tables R and S.*

Including the High Court and the Presidency Small Cause Court, the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts in the past year were as shewn in the margin. The general financial result is a surplus of Rs. 29,70,494 or Rs. 1,99,945 in excess of the surplus obtained in 1881.

	Rs.
Receipts	75,75,273
Charges	46,04,779
	29,70,494

Courts at the Presidency.

Taking the Courts at the Presidency separately, there is an excess of charges over receipts amounting to Rs. 2,46,373. The details are as follows:—

Receipts.		Rs.	*Charges.*		Rs.
In stamps	Process fees	2,74,192	Salaries of Judicial officers		6,33,572
	Other fees	6,09,678	Establishment	Process-servers	6,035
In cash	Fines	208		Others	4,70,300
	Other receipts	78,262	Contingencies and refunds		98,806
	TOTAL	9,62,340		TOTAL	12,08,713

Courts in the Interior.

	Rs.
Receipts	66,12,933
Charges	33,96,066
	32,16,867

Taking the Civil Courts in the interior separately, the net financial result for the past year was a surplus of Rs. 32,16,867 as shewn in the margin.

Deducting the charges on account of process-servers, who are paid by regular salaries amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 6,34,035 for 1882, the account for the last three years may be thus stated:—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1880	56,00,975	23,93,616	32,07,359
1881	55,56,072	25,72,602	29,83,470
1882	59,78,898	27,62,031	32,16,867

Thus the surplus of 1882 exceeded that of 1881 by Rs. 2,33,397.

The following statement gives separately and in detail the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts in the interior in the past year:—

Receipts.		Rs.	*Charges.*		Rs.
In stamps	Process fees	18,22,943	Salaries of Judicial officers		16,71,711
	Other fees	43,49,048	Establishment	Process-servers	6,34,035
In cash or special stamps.	Fines	10,992		Salaried copying and comparing clerks	21,047
	Copying and comparing fees	3,33,584		Others	7,65,334
	Other receipts	96,366	Contingencies	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment	1,66,739
				Other contingencies and refunds	1,37,200
	TOTAL	66,12,933		TOTAL	33,96,066

Deducting the cost of process-servers and of copying and comparing clerks (inclusive of the copyists not on the fixed establishment), the net receipts from stamps amounted to Rs. 56,83,754. Under the head of process fees

separately, the net gain to Government in the past year was Rs. 11,88,908 as compared with Rs. 10,38,891 gained in the previous year.

The following figures shew the results, during the past year, of the system of preparing copies, introduced in 1880 :—

	Rs.	Rs.
Copying and comparing fees realized by special stamps . . .		3,33,584
DEDUCT—		
Salary of copying and comparing clerks on the fixed establishment	21,047	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment .	1,66,739	
		1,87,786
Surplus . . .		1,45,798

It will thus appear that the surplus of the past year exceed by Rs. 7,763 that obtained in 1881. Besides the surplus of Rs. 1,45,798 obtained in 1882, "Expedition Fees" were in many cases realized from parties. These fees, as stated in the Report for 1881, are treated in the accounts as "Miscellaneous Receipts." The Court have now under consideration the advisability of lowering by 25 per cent. the charges for copies now payable by the public. The present charge is at the rate of four annas for every folio consisting of 150 English or 300 Vernacular words. One-half of the amount levied is paid over as remuneration to the section-writers, who alone are employed in preparing copies required by the public. It is in contemplation to reduce the charge to three annas per folio, the remuneration of the section-writers remaining unchanged, and the profit to Government being reduced by 50 per cent. This profit is intended to cover the cost of the necessary stamped paper, the salaries of extra comparing clerks, the pensions of members of the fixed establishment employed in this department, and other expenses connected with the scheme. The matter will shortly be decided in communication with the Local Government.

The following statement shews the receipts and charges of the several grades of Courts in the past year, and the surplus or deficit which has resulted :—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Results, plus or minus.
Courts in the Interior.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Small Cause Courts	4,64,102	2,25,921	+2,38,181
Munsifs' Courts	42,62,322	15,94,128	+26,68,194
Subordinate Judges' Courts	9,79,926	4,63,405	+5,16,521
District and Additional Judges' Courts . .	9,06,583	11,12,612	—2,06,029
Courts at the Presidency.			
Small Cause Courts	2,77,110	2,10,410	+66,700
High Courts (Original and Appellate) . .	6,85,230	9,98,303	—3,13,073

As in the previous year, the receipts have largely exceeded the expenditure in every grade of Court in the mofussil, except in the Courts of District Judges. For the reasons given in the Report for 1881, it by no means follows that a District Judge's Court is a source of loss to Government. The results of the past year in Courts of this class were more favorable than in the previous year, when the receipts fell short of the expenditure by Rs. 2,18,448. Some portion of this increase in the receipts may possibly be due to the fact that partnership suits must, according to a recent ruling of the High Court, be instituted

in the Court of the District Judge, who is accordingly now credited with the fees leviable in such suits. The results in the mofussil Small Cause Courts and Munsifs' Courts were also more favorable than in 1881, the surplus obtained in these Courts in 1882 being Rs. 14,128 in the former and Rs. 2,51,468 in the latter, in excess of the surplus obtained in 1881. In the Subordinate Judges' Courts, the surplus of 1882 fell short of that for 1881 by Rs. 44,618, and in the Presidency Small Cause Court it fell short by Rs. 11,637. On the Appellate Side of the High Court, the receipts fell short of the expenditure by Rs. 4,85,036 in 1882 as compared with Rs. 4,69,101 in 1881; and on the Original Side the receipts exceeded the expenditure by Rs 1,71,963 in 1882 as compared with an excess of Rs. 1,77,843 in 1881.

Probates, &c. *See Table T.*

As fees on probate and letters of administration, Rs. 3,18,718 were realized in the past, as compared with Rs. 3,16,134 in the previous, year. The amount levied in the District Courts was Rs. 93,067 in 1882 against Rs. 91,870 in 1881. In the High Court, omitting cases in which the assets were exclusively in the Province of Assam, the amount of duty realized was Rs. 2,25,651 as compared with Rs. 2,24,264 in 1881.

The sums here exhibited are treated in account as receipts of the Civil Courts. Deducting these, the surplus or net revenue realized from such Courts was, in the past year, Rs. 26,51,776.

Civil Court Amins. *See Table U.*

The receipts and disbursements on account of Civil Court Amins during 1881 and 1882 were as follows:—

		Receipts.	Disbursements.
		Rs.	Rs.
1881	Permanent Amins	33,397	34,167
	Temporary „	4,501	4,029
1882	Permanent Amins	35,469	33,760
	Temporary „	5,598	4,338

The receipts thus exceeded the expenditure by Rs. 2,969 in the past year. In the preceding year there was a nominal loss to Government of Rs. 298, owing to the fact that, in 1881, the receipts on account of the employment of Amins by the Revenue Courts were credited to the Revenue Department, the portion of their salary for the time thus occupied being debited to the Civil Department. In the year under review, the receipts and the expenditure have both been accounted for in the Civil Department, in consequence of a recommendation to that effect made by the High Court to the Government of Bengal. In Shahabad, Burdwan, Chittagong, Rungpore, and Jessore, a considerable deficit was experienced. In Chota Nagpore, the receipts exceeded the expenditure (including the allowance set apart for pensions) by Rs. 651, as compared with a loss to Government of Rs. 547 in 1881.

Local investigations. *See Table V.*

The number of cases in which local investigations were held and completed last year was 1,429. The number held and completed in 1881 was 1,430. In 1882, there was a considerable increase in respect of cases where the value of the property in litigation varied between Rs. 100 and Rs. 500, and in cases where the property exceeded Rs. 1,000 in value. On the other hand, there was a marked decrease in respect of cases where the value of the property varied between Rs. 5 and Rs. 20 and between Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000.

The average value involved in the suits in which the investigation was made was Rs. 955·1 and the average cost Rs. 32. The corresponding figures for 1881 were Rs. 859·9 and Rs. 30.

Proceedings in Insolvency. *See Table W.*

The following statement exhibits the number of applications for a declaration of insolvency filed, disposed of, and pending in 1881 and 1882:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1881	319	298	85
1882	370	380	75

There was thus an increase of 51 in the number of applications for insolvency filed in 1882. In 1881, the number filed was 44 in excess of the number filed in 1880. Applications for a declaration of insolvency were in the past year most numerous in the following districts:—

	Filed in 1881.	Filed in 1882.
Hooghly	22	49
24-Pergunnahs	35	45
Dacca	21	29
Backergunge	10	24
Tipperah	10	24
Bhaugulpur	9	20
Burdwan	10	19

On the other hand, such applications were least numerous in the following districts:—

	Filed in 1881.	Filed in 1882.
Shahabad	4	2
Chota Nagpore	6	2
Rajshahye	5	3
Jessore	11	3
Gya	13	3
Furreedpore	4	4

In the remaining districts, the number filed varied from 5 to 14.

In the past year, no decree-holder availed himself of the provisions of Section 344, Act X of 1882, under which he could apply to have his judgment-debtor declared an insolvent.

Applications how disposed of.

Including 85 applications which were pending at the close of 1881, the total number on the files during 1882 was 455. Of these, 117 were granted, 109 were rejected, 154 were withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted, and 75 were pending at the close of the year.

Of the 117 applications which were granted, a Receiver was appointed in 15 cases; and, of the 109 applications which were rejected, sentences of imprisonment were passed, under Section 359 of the Code of Civil Procedure, in 6 cases. In no case was an applicant sent to a Magistrate to be dealt with according to law.

Number of persons declared to be insolvent, discharged and pending.

See Table W 1.

The number of persons declared to be insolvents, the number who obtained their discharge, and the number who remained undischarged during each of the years 1881 and 1882, are given below:—

	Declared to be insolvents.	Discharged.	Pending.
1881	114	110	4
1882	117 (*a*)	114	5

The districts noted on the margin shew the largest number of persons declared to be insolvents. No orders were made in this respect in Sarun and Chota Nagpore. In each of the districts of Burdwan, Bankura, Cuttack, Noakhally, Patna, Pubna and Bogra, Rajshahye and Shahabad, only one person was declared to be insolvent. In the remaining districts the number varied from 2 to 5.

	1881.	1882.
Hooghly	6	19
Tipperah	6	15
Bhaugulpore	4	12
24-Pergunnahs	19	12
Dacca	7	8

The status and profession of 107 out of the 121 persons declared to be insolvent, whose cases were on the files during the year, are given below. The

(*a*) The applications of two of these persons were struck off on default before the order of discharge was passed.

status and profession of the remaining 14 persons (returned from the 24-Pergunnahs) are not given, the necessary particulars not having been collected by the District Judge.

Zemindars	2
Hotel-keeper	1
Money-lender	1
Landlord, under tenure-holder, petty Talookdar and Izardars	7
Mokhtyars	2
Weaver of silk	1
Petty cultivators	28
Service	17(*a*)
Petty shop-keepers and traders	13
Menial service	9(*b*)
Without employment	9
Priests	5
Laborers	6
Artizans	3
Koeri	1
Professional Beggar	1
Unknown	1
TOTAL	107

The estates of 22 insolvents, including those remaining unsettled at the close of 1881(*c*), were in the hands of Receivers during 1882. Of these, the proceedings in 11 were finally closed during the year, leaving 11 in the Receivers' hands at the close of the year. The number of estates placed in the hands of Receivers during each of the past two years was respectively 9 and 11. The amount realized and disbursed, and the balance in the hands of such officers, during each of those years, are shewn below :—

	Amount realized.	Amount disbursed.	Balance.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1881	2,823	3,591	302*
1882	1,561	1,571	292

* Revised figures.

The following remarks, relating to the manner in which the provisions of Chapter XX of the Code of Civil Procedure have been applied in their districts, are extracted from the reports of certain District Judges.

Backergunge.—"The applicants in insolvency belong to all classes of the community. Only 3 were declared insolvent during 1882, but more were such in the ordinary sense of the word,—that is, utterly without means of paying their debts,—and would have been so declared, but for vain attempts to conceal a fraction of their property and foolish lies told in their applications.

"In a country where people in need habitually do not hesitate to promise 50 or 60 per cent. interest on loans, insolvency must be, if not frequent, at least not uncommon."

Bhaugulpore.—"On the whole, I think that Chapter 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure works well. It is possible that fraudulent debtors sometimes reap advantage from it; but in the majority of cases this can be guarded against, and there are specially hard cases to which it gives relief. I am not sure that the appointment of a Receiver under Section 351 is generally appropriate beyond the limits of the Presidency towns. In the only case where, there being property to administer, I appointed a Receiver, things came to a dead-lock. The main creditor, who was armed with various decrees, saw himself appointed Receiver with much apparent joy; but when, as I imagine, he found from his legal advisers that the effect of his appointment was not to vest the property in him for himself only or for his prior satisfaction, but probably for the benefit of many other persons who had not gone to the expense of decrees, he thought the Receivership distasteful, and, without any attempt at possession, resigned the post. I have not since been able to find any one willing to take the post of Receiver for a remuneration of 5 per cent. on the value of the property."

Chota Nagpore.—"The provisions of the law relating to insolvency have hardly been used by the people in the districts of this division. During the year 1882, only 2 applications were filed in one out of the four districts, and 4 were pending over from the previous year; so there were altogether 6 for disposal during the year; and out of these, 4 were not prosecuted and 1 was refused, leaving 1 pending adjudication at the close of the year.

(*a*) Three of these work also as contractors.

(*b*) Of these, 1 was formerly a zemindar, who, when declared insolvent, was serving as a peadah (peon) under a zemindar. The decree in the case of this person was for Rs. 60,000, of which Rs. 32,000 were still due after sale of all his property.

(*c*) The estates of 11 persons remained unsettled at the close of 1881, not 12 as stated in that report.

"The paucity of insolvency operations is, I think, in a great measure due to the fact that the people of these districts do not yet understand the provisions of the law; and probably, in some measure, to the operation of the Encumbered Estates Act, which protects the holders of all estates taken under it from arrest."

Dacca.—"It will thus be seen" [*vide* statement on the margin shewing the status and profession of the persons who were declared insolvent] "that, of the 8 persons who were declared insolvents during the past year, the status of none of them can be said to have been good, and most of them belonged to a very low class of society. I cannot recollect any particular instance of flagrantly fraudulent applications under Section 344, Civil Procedure Code, made to me during the past year; but the fact that, out of 31 applications disposed of in 1882, only 8 were allowed, shews that the provisions of Section 344, Civil Procedure Code, must have been largely resorted to by other than *bonâ fide* insolvents. There is one fact, however, that may account for the number of applications under Section 344 that have been disallowed. This is, that many judgment-debtors put in applications to be declared insolvents, merely as a device to gain time, and an opportunity for making an arrangement with their creditors. Very many judgment-debtors, as soon as they are arrested in execution, now at once declare their intention of seeking relief under the insolvency provisions of the Civil Procedure. They accordingly get released on bail under Section 336, Civil Procedure Code. They subsequently present applications under Section 344. During all this time they are trying to satisfy their creditors by promises or partial payments. Having succeeded in doing so, they withdraw their applications under Section 344, Civil Procedure Code, or allow them to be dismissed for default."

No.	Name of the insolvent.	Status.	Profession.
1	Guru Prosad Das . .	Petty Talookdar, Kayest by caste.	Service, income Rs. 10 a month.
2	Chuidam Changa . .	Chandal by caste.	Thatcher.
3	Srimoti Moyna Sundori .	Washerwoman by caste.	No occupation, dependent upon another for maintenance.
4	Kali Kumar Bundopadhya	Brahmin by caste	Trade.
5	Amar Chand Goladar .	Caste not known.	Day-laborer.
6	Gopal Das Babaji . .	Bairagi by caste.	Professional beggar.
7	Mahomed Hosain . .	Petty Talookdar.	No occupation.
8	Bahar Ali . . .	Ditto.	No occupation, dependent upon another for maintenance.

Patna.—"The working of the Insolvency Chapter is no more successful than it was last year. It will be seen that no estates were put into the hands of a Receiver. All the applications came from judgment-debtors and only one was granted."

Purnea.—"I still consider the provisions in the Civil Procedure Code as to insolvency unsuited to the cases which arise in this district."

Sarun.—"The working of the provisions of the law relating to insolvency continues to be very different from what was apparently intended by the Legislature. Four cases were disposed of during the year, in not one of which I considered myself justified in declaring the applicant to be insolvent. Not a single case occurred in which any property was put at the disposal of the Court for distribution among the creditors. I see no reason, from the experience of the past year, to modify the view which I have had occasion to express in former reports with reference to this subject."

Shahabad.—"The present provisions of law should be at least maintained. I would even strengthen them in a quasi-penal direction if I had my own way. Evasion of debts is, I think, common, even when means to pay exist. The baneful system of 'benami' or 'furzi,' and the constitution of a 'mitakshara' family, facilitate a fraud, which a good insolvency law tends to check."

Tipperah.—"During the year there were 26 applications, of which 13 were granted, 8 withdrawn, and 5 rejected, the total amount of the assets being Rs. 1,295,—*i. e.*, an average of Rs. 49; but, in one case the assets being Rs. 570, the average of the remainder is to be reduced accordingly. It will thus be seen that the applicants had generally hardly any property to place at the disposal of their creditors. The proceedings may generally be described as of a very petty character, and might well have been disposed of in the inferior Courts. I think only those where the total amount of debts exceeds a certain pecuniary limit, say Rs. 1,000, should be tried by the District Court. In only seven cases did the amount of debts scheduled exceed Rs. 1,000."

The following extracts, relating to the effect of recent legislation on the work of the Courts, are selected from some of the district reports:—

Bhaugulpur.—"The Minors' Act, No. XL of 1858. During the year, applications under Section 18 of Act XL of 1858, for an order to sell or mortgage the immovable property of a minor, greatly increased in number. This is said to be due to certain rulings of the Privy Council and High Court regarding transfer of property under the Mitakshara Law. Generally the minor is a co-sharer with adults in undivided family property. The cases are so entirely one-sided, that it is not always that the Court can sanction such sales without misgiving. What I require from the applicants is a clear statement shewing the whole immovable property of the minor and its yearly and gross value; the total debts or proportionate debts of the minor, and the mode in which those debts were incurred; and the nature and value of the property which it is intended to sell or mortgage: this statement being supported by an affidavit of the manager. I then look into the alleged debts and see how far they are supported by

proof, and how far *primâ facie* binding on the minor's estate. I then pass orders refusing or else sanctioning the sale or mortgage. Generally, according to the case made out, it is much for the advantage of the minor to allow the sale or mortgage, and so clear him of debts which are accumulating at ruinous interest; and I therefore give the required sanction. But it is obvious that a Court proceeding thus *ex parte* may, however vigilant, be taken in. I think that the effect of the Court's order under Section 18 is generally overrated by those who apply. They seem to think that it will be quite a sufficient warrant for the sale or mortgage, and will prevent all future question as to the advisability or legality of the transaction. I do not know whether there has been a similar increase in applications of this kind in other District Courts of Behar; but, if so, I am inclined to think that the dealing with matters of this sort will become a not unimportant part of the duties of the Court, and will introduce a class of cases akin to those in the Court of Chancery."

Burdwan.—"The most important change in legislation during the year under review was the passing of the Transfer of Property Act. As, however, it came into operation only in July last, it would be premature at present to pass any opinion as to its practical working. The introduction of the new Code of Civil Procedure took place during the past year. One noticeable change in the Act is in Section 347, which allows the Judge a discretion in exempting the judgment-debtors from payment of process fees for service of copy of application on creditors. This provision has been acted upon in some cases with beneficial results, and it will no doubt improve the efficacy of the insolvent procedure. The cases, it may be noted, have increased from 10 in 1881 to 19 in 1882, or nearly 100 per cent.; as these cases are almost always contested, this increase means a considerable expenditure of time in this branch of the District Judge's duties."

Dinagepore.—"The principal new Acts which were in force during the past year were 'The Negotiable Instruments Act, XIII of 1881,' 'The Transfer of Property Act, IV of 1882, and the 'New Civil Procedure Code, Act XIV of 1882.' These appear, however, to have had little effect on the working of the Courts in this district. Regulations I of 1798 and XVII of 1806 having been repealed by the Transfer of Property Act, must make a practical difference in the institution of suits for foreclosure and redemption suits, and will simplify procedure in such cases. But not many suits of the kind under the new Act appear to have been filed, and none as yet in the Subordinate Judge's Court. Mortgages by conditional sale are not often resorted to in this district. It is said that some pleaders find a difficulty in understanding the new Act, especially Chapter II.

"The change introduced by Act XII of 1879, in Sections 51 and 52 of the Civil Procedure Code, in regard to the subscription and verification of plaints, is stated to free suitors from much difficulty in this respect. The addition of the proviso in Section 95 and the Government Resolution remitting postage charges for notices, &c., has been an advantage; the Court Nazir has also been thus relieved to some extent of the duty of receiving small deposits.

"Section 335 of the Code, in regard to obstruction by a claimant other than the judgment-debtor, is stated to be a useful addition to the old Code."

Hooghly.—"During the past year the Civil Procedure Code was revised; but as the revision consisted of the correction of a few errors and omissions only, which did not alter any of the important provisions of the Code, I need not comment upon its operation beyond stating that the Code is being gradually better understood by the people and their legal advisers, and by the Courts also. Two very important Acts (the Transfer of Property Act and the Indian Easement Act) were passed during the year and came into operation from last July. These Acts have settled many intricate questions of the law of property in this country. The old and cumbrous procedure in foreclosing mortgages and redeeming mortgaged property, which had obtained in this country for nearly a century, has now been done away with; and this relief may now be had by more swift and direct methods. A very important innovation, which will tend to abolish a very fertile source of litigation in this country, is contained in section 57 of the Transfer of Property Act, whereby a purchaser of incumbered property in execution sales may come forward and pay off the incumbrance."

Noakhally.—"Some very important Acts were passed during the year. But those which were likely to affect the administration of justice in this district were :—

Act	XIV	of 1882	. . . . Civil Procedure.
Act	IV	of 1882	. . . . Transfer of Property.
Act	XXVI	of 1882	. . . . Negotiable Instruments Act.

The amendments in the Code of Civil Procedure have not led to much which calls for remark. Under Section 368 I was in one case able to hear an appellant attempting to satisfy the Court that he had sufficient reason for not making an application to substitute a legal representative in due time. The Munsifs all state that as yet they have no data for reporting on the effect produced by Act IV of 1882, nor has any case yet arisen in my own Court in which that Act has affected the proceedings. Comment may, therefore, be postponed until next year.

"The Negotiable Instruments Act is one which will have little effect at present in a backward district like Noakhally.

"It was brought to my notice in the course of the year that the limitation of suits brought to set aside a *jummabundi*, under Act VIII (B. C.) of 1869 is very hard on plaintiffs; they cannot sue until two months after giving notice to the Collector (Section 424, Code of Civil Procedure), nor later than four months after publication of the *jummabundi*."

Purneah.—"In Purneah it is long before a knowledge of recent Acts reaches even the vakils practising at the out-station Munsifis: and I think it would be conducive to the good working of the Courts were really intelligible and accurate translations of the Acts sent down to the Nazirs of the various Munsifis for sale to the public. As a notable instance I would observe that no application has yet been made to this Court under Act V of 1881."

Sarun.—"Of the legislation during the year affecting the administration of civil justice, I have chiefly to notice the Transfer of Property Act (Act IV, 1882) and the Civil Procedure Code (Act XIV, 1882). The immediate effect of Act IV of 1882 was to entirely alter the procedure in order to foreclosure, which, until the Act came into force, had differed in Bengal from the practice in other parts of India. From certain cases which have come within my experience under Regulation XVII of 1806, I think that the alteration in the law so far is decidedly an improvement. What the general working of the Act will be remains to be ascertained by experience. The new Civil Procedure Code is for the most part a reprint of Act X, 1877, with some verbal alterations."

Shahabad.—"No legislation materially affecting the working of the Courts has come under my observation during the past year. The 'Transfer of Property Act' has not yet had time to produce any noticeable results. No improvement has taken place in the veracity of the people, on which more than on any past legislation depends a successful administration of justice. This unveracity is, in fact, so great, and so pervasive of all ranks who appear in the Courts, that the ascertainment of any fact as clearly true may be said, by all who were prepared to speak out what they think, to be nearly impossible. Whether A. cultivated X. last year and backwards for 12 years, or it was B. who did it, can hardly ever be known; nor can I see any hope of improvement in this matter. 'Education' has had a long trial, which has been a long failure. The only sources from which we can look for escape or improvement are (*a*) the legislative contraction of the area over which oral evidence extends, as by further 'Registration' and similar Acts; (*b*) the formation of a public opinion which shall work against lying, in the same degree as public opinion at present approves of and adopts lying as a legitimate means of gaining one's end. But there are as yet no signs of the formation of this public opinion even in an embryo state."

Changes in the Subordinate Judicial service.

The following changes took place in the ranks of the Subordinate Judicial service during the year:—

The undermentioned officers died or left the service:—

Retired	Mr. J. Weston	Subordinate Judges.
	Gunga Churn Sircar	
	Uma Churn Kastogree	
	Nobin Chunder Ghose	
	Mr. S. Wright	
	Abul Munsoor	Munsifs.
	Gour Chundra Dass	
	Tofail Ahmed	
	Bhoobun Mohun Roy	
Resigned	Khetter Mohun Mukerjee	
Removed from service	Ashutosh Addy	
Died	Guzzuffer Ally	
	Umbica Charan Ghose	
	Juggut Bundhu Dutt	
	Nilmadhub Shamunto	
	C. E. Perroux	

The following Munsifs were promoted to Sub-Judgeships:—

Name.	Service.			District to which appointed.
	Y.	M.	D.	
Baboo Jugat Durlubh Mozumdar, B.L.	14	11	17	Furreedpore.
„ Mutty Lall Sircar, B.L.	14	8	3	Rungpore.
„ Amrito Lall Pal, B.L.	12	2	18	Sarun.
„ Jogesh Chandra Mitter, B.L.	12	2	18	Moorshedabad.
„ Parbutty Coomar Mitter	13	9	17	Mymensingh.
„ Pramatha Nath Banerjee, B.L.	13	8	17	Jessore.
„ Denesh Chandra Roy, B.L.	13	4	4	Tirhoot.
„ Roma Nath Sil, L.L.	16	3	22	Tipperah.
„ Dwarka Nath Mitter, B.L.	13	8	12	Bhaugulpore.

The following gentlemen were nominated to permanent Munsifships :—

Name.	Degree or other qualification.	Date of qualification.	District to which appointed.
Baboo Bimola Charan Mozumdar	B.L.	18th February 1874	Noakhally.
„ Gour Charan Roy	B.L.	1873	Ditto.
„ Mohendro Nath Mookerjee	B.L.	10th February 1875	Mymensingh.
„ Protab Chandra Mozumdar	B.L.	10th February 1869	Tipperah.
„ Gopal Chandra Banerjee	B.L.	10th February 1875	Rungpore.
„ Gobind Chandra Dé	B.L.	19th February 1873	Ditto.
„ Nand Lal Dey	L.L.	Do.	Dinagepore.
„ Hari Nath Roy	B.L.	14th February 1877	Mymensingh.
„ Annoda Prosad Bagchi	B.L.	18th February 1874	Dacca.
„ Jogendra Nath Mukerjee	B.L.	Do.	Mymensingh.
„ Debendra Nath Roy	M.A. & B.L.	14th February 1877	Ditto.
„ Mohendro Nath Dass	B.L.	18th February 1874	Dacca.
„ Gopi Krishna Banerjee	B.L.	10th February 1875	Rungpore.
„ Nogendro Nath Roy	B.L.	2nd February 1870	Moorshedabad.
„ Saroda Prosad Chatterjee	B.A. & L.L.	19th February 1873	Rungpore.
„ Mohendro Lal Gosvami	L.L.	18th February 1874	Rajshahye.
„ Raj Narain Chuckerbutty	L.L.	Do.	Noakhally.
„ Kali Poda Mukerjee	B.L.	18th February 1874	Sylhet.
„ Kali Krishna Chowdhuri	L.L.	14th February 1872	Cuttack.
„ Aghore Chandra Hazra	B.L.	14th February 1877	Pubna and Bogra.
„ Apurva Krishna Sen	Attorney-at-Law	15th January 1879	Backergunge.
„ Nibaran Chandra Banerjee	B.L.	9th February 1876	Dinagepore.
„ Manmath Nath Mukerjee	B.L.	Do.	Mymensingh.
„ Purna Chandra Dé	B.L.	18th February 1874	Furreedpore.
„ Rajani Nath Ghosh	Higher Grade Pleader.	6th May 1874	Sylhet.
„ Purna Chandra Ghose	Ditto	7th March 1877	Chota Nagpore.
„ Pran Krishna Biswas	B.L.	10th February 1875	Furreedpore.
„ Nolini Nath Mitter	B.L.	19th February 1873	Chittagong.
„ Bepin Behary Chatterjee	B.L.	9th February 1876	Sylhet.

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Original Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Divisions.	Districts.	Courts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
			1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Burdwan	Burdwan	Reg.	11,675	13,455	11,842	13,574	1,944	1,992
	Bankura	Reg.	6,335	6,801	6,545	6,630	753	992
	Beerbhoom	Reg.	5,145	5,435	5,310	5,508	662	674
	Midnapore	Reg.	15,196	17,222	18,684	17,347	2,252	2,376
		S. C.	648	665	656	676	44	41
	Hooghly	Reg.	13,279	14,775	13,672	15,036	2,165	2,202
		S. C.	5,595	6,373	5,609	6,233	605	829
		Total	57,873	64,726	62,318	65,004	8,425	9,106
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	Reg.	21,345	23,810	21,525	23,574	2,832	3,160
		S. C.	5,400	5,689	5,396	5,773	310	383
	Nuddea	Reg.	8,500	8,416	8,519	8,445	937	1,025
		S. C.	11,095	11,143	11,190	11,274	353	441
	Jessore	Reg.	21,145	21,785	21,762	22,347	1,879	2,205
		S. C.	10,386	8,581	10,815	8,920	323	230
	Moorshedabad	Reg.	12,028	13,146	11,833	12,759	1,870	2,283
		S. C.	261	257	269	360	12	20
		Total	90,160	92,827	91,309	93,452	8,516	9,747
Rajshahye	Dinagepore	Reg.	7,895	9,412	7,742	9,577	1,007	919
		S. C.	1,218	1,096	1,276	1,095	113	123
	Rajshahye	Reg.	7,887	9,090	7,514	9,558	1,482	1,161
		S. C.	658	744	681	762	56	60
	Rungpore	Reg.	13,553	13,495	13,697	13,905	2,471	2,288
	Pubna and Bogra	Reg.	7,812	7,836	7,749	7,743	1,432	1,638
		S. C.	1,967	2,131	2,000	2,163	79	71
		Total	40,980	43,804	40,659	44,803	6,640	6,260
Dacca	Dacca	Reg.	19,393	19,185	19,744	20,490	3,072	2,011
		S. C.	6,740	6,298	6,815	6,486	478	375
	Furreedpore	Reg.	16,680	15,576	16,930	16,197	2,190	1,746
		S. C.	1,311	1,079	1,277	1,172	113	32
	Backergunge	Reg.	19,196	21,945	19,814	22,849	2,809	2,436
		S. C.	1,865	643	1,897	671	31	25
	Mymensingh	Reg.	20,674	22,120	20,444	22,120	3,020	3,280
	Tipperah	Reg.	20,285	22,635	20,754	22,124	3,871	4,545
		Total	106,144	109,481	107,675	112,109	15,584	14,450
Chittagong	Chittagong	Reg.	11,872	12,446	11,871	12,461	1,715	1,971
	Noakhally	Reg.	10,579	11,998	10,667	11,283	1,207	2,023
		Total	22,451	24,444	22,538	23,744	2,922	3,994
Patna	Patna	Reg.	3,803	3,681	4,527	3,405	762	992
		S. C.	1,475	1,244	1,471	1,430	95	47
	Gya	Reg.	2,343	3,242	2,540	2,690	737	1,363
	Shahabad	Reg.	6,763	7,280	5,897	7,587	2,379	2,162
	Tirhoot	Reg.	8,399	7,399	8,528	7,421	2,160	2,268
	Sarun	Reg.	5,320	5,877	5,740	5,927	1,375	1,508
		Total	28,103	28,723	28,712	28,460	7,508	8,340
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	Reg.	10,163	9,889	9,880	9,736	1,478	1,804
		S. C.	4,858	5,192	4,853	5,184	356	432
	Purneah	Reg.	8,630	8,915	8,430	8,808	1,258	1,457
		Total	23,651	23,996	23,163	23,728	3,092	3,693
Orissa	Cuttack	Reg.	8,540	9,545	8,477	9,383	1,057	1,260
		S. C.	1,160	2,136	1,215	2,157	57	95
		Total	9,700	11,681	9,692	11,540	1,114	1,355
Chota Nagpore	Chota Nagpore	Reg.	4,167	4,195	4,225	4,399	636	498
	Total	Reg.	328,592	350,606	334,871	352,883	51,412	54,239
		S. C.	54,637	53,271	55,420	54,356	3,025	3,204
	GRAND TOTAL	...	383,229	403,877	390,291	407,239	54,437	57,443

A 1.

Original Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in each of the Courts of Small Causes in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
BURDWAN	Midnapore	648	665	656	676	44	41
	Hooghly	1,000	1,182	1,008	1,179	123	135
	Serampore	1,651	1,933	1,678	1,894	195	267
	Howrah	2,944	3,258	2,923	3,160	287	427
PRESIDENCY	Sealdah	5,257	5,538	5,255	5,628	305	373
	Dum-Dum Cantonment	20	39	20	36	...	3
	Barrackpore „	123	112	121	109	5	7
	Kishnaghur	2,756	2,479	2,769	2,501	55	63
	Ranaghat	1,691	1,386	1,735	1,437	47	23
	Bongong	...	1,200	...	1,216	...	17
	Meherpore	2,035	1,574	2,018	1,626	80	50
	Kooshteah	2,764	2,613	1,854	2,610	39	213
	Chooadangah	1,849	1,891	2,814	1,884	132	75
	Jessore	4,065	3,847	4,143	3,971	53	28
	Magoorah	1,729	1,227	1,765	1,307	104	55
	Jhenidah	2,036	1,643	2,090	1,668	58	66
	Narail	2,556	1,864	2,817	1,974	108	81
RAJSHAHYE	Berhampore Small Cause Court	261	257	269	360	12	20
	Beauleah	658	744	681	762	56	60
	Pubna	1,967	2,131	2,000	2,163	79	71
COOCH BEHAR	Darjeeling	1,218	1,096	1,276	1,095	113	123
DACCA	Dacca	4,088	4,093	4,116	4,104	244	284
	Munshigunge	2,652	2,205	2,699	2,382	234	91
	Furreedpore	1,311	1,079	1,277	1,172	113	32
	Backergunge	1,865	643	1,897	671	31	25
PATNA	Patna	1,345	1,114	1,339	1,301	87	38
	Dinapore Cantonment	130	130	132	129	8	9
BHAGULPORE	Monghyr	2,820	2,917	2,816	2,905	218	274
	Bhagulpore	2,038	2,275	2,037	2,279	138	158
ORISSA	Cuttack	1,160	2,136	1,215	2,157	57	95
	TOTAL	54,637	53,271	55,420	54,356	3,025	3,204

B.

Suits and Appeals pending more than one year at the close of 1881 and 1882.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	1881.		1882.	
		Suits.	Appeals.	Suits.	Appeals.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	7	2	4	3
	Bankura	2	176	13	47
	Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...
	Midnapore	3	2	5	74
	Hooghly	7	23	13	2
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	31	6	26	7
	Nuddea	...	73	2	21
	Jessore	5	...	12	...
	Moorshedabad	1	...	25	...
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	2	...	2	...
	Rajshahye	1	...	4	2
	Rungpore	...	...	1	...
	Pulna and Bogra	3	7	2	26
DACCA	Dacca	4	3	2	...
	Furreedpore	...	33	...	79
	Backergunge	...	...	1	...
	Mymensingh	17	135	4	23
	Tipperah	1	64	...	13
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	1	98	...	10
	Noakhally	...	...	...	...
PATNA	Patna	31	2	76	...
	Gya	50	4	5	1
	Shahabad	21	532	10	12
	Tirhoot	11	134	...	10
	Sarun	9	14	3	26
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	6	9	36	18
	Purneah	1	...	1	...
ORISSA	Cuttack	6	2	10	39
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	3	1	...	...
	TOTAL	223	1,320	257	413

C.

Number and Value of Suits instituted in the Civil Courts, 1878-1882.

Districts.	Courts.	Value in 1878.	Number in 1878.	Number in 1879.	Number in 1880.	Number in 1881.	Number in 1882.	Value in 1882.
		Rs.						Rs.
Backergunge	R.	15,60,215	14,987	18,684	19,755	19,196	21,945	19,05,136
	S. C.	1,13,209	1,892	2,256	2,025	1,865	643	80,668
Beerbhoom	R.	4,44,297	4,226	4,577	4,878	5,145	5,435	5,88,520
Bhagulpore	R.	30,22,097	9,452	9,500	10,055	10,163	9,889	24,21,773
	S. C.	2,66,774	4,222	3,953	4,418	4,858	5,192	2,86,628
Burdwan	R.	13,92,718	13,284	14,309	11,648	11,675	13,455	25,59,002
Bankura	R.	3,31,214	3,761	4,423	7,062	6,335	6,801	4,77,159
Chittagong	R.	8,35,608	12,437	14,606	13,479	11,872	12,446	10,49,720
Cuttack	R.	7,75,720	5,366	6,811	7,216	8,540	9,545	8,38,047
	S. C.	1,44,792	3,841	4,975	2,867	1,160	2,136	1,43,645
Dacca	R.	15,36,883	14,062	16,187	18,383	19,393	19,185	23,02,753
	S. C.	3,80,461	6,061	5,552	7,283	6,740	6,298	4,12,507
Dinagopore	R.	6,66,814	7,029	7,497	6,666	7,885	9,412	8,20,314
	S. C.	...	...	988	1,069	1,218	1,096	73,637
Furreedpore	R.	7,49,943	11,769	13,793	17,511	16,680	15,576	8,95,460
	S. C.	97,283	1,547	908	1,411	1,311	1,079	45,534
Gya	R.	2,86,07,267	2,458	2,564	2,624	2,343	3,242	16,71,118
Hooghly	R.	20,63,961	10,581	11,415	13,251	13,279	14,775	14,93,965
	S. C.	1,72,963	4,220	5,130	5,413	5,595	6,373	2,55,299
Jessore	R.	14,67,812	17,644	20,466	22,122	21,145	21,785	12,67,466
	S. C.	5,18,505	11,921	14,564	12,073	10,386	8,581	4,20,002
Midnapore	R.	15,69,403	14,080	16,875	17,942	15,196	17,222	25,61,619
	S. C.	92,512	1,125	872	656	648	665	75,529
Moorshedabad	R.	10,14,074	11,455	10,895	11,737	12,028	13,146	25,72,086
	S. C.	28,994	192	215	245	261	257	34,474
Mymensing	R.	19,49,192	18,547	17,296	19,593	20,674	22,120	68,91,954
Noakhally	R.	9,97,299	13,473	13,752	10,853	10,579	11,998	6,44,522
Nuddea	R.	9,48,842	8,721	9,069	8,003	8,500	8,416	12,81,201
	S. C.	4,55,729	9,570	11,361	10,330	11,095	11,143	5,29,152
Patna	R.	16,68,445	3,334	3,242	4,049	3,803	3,681	21,22,581
	S. C.	1,16,199	1,550	1,513	1,557	1,475	1,244	1,17,913
Pubna and Bogra	R.	4,81,113	6,384	6,647	6,808	7,812	7,836	12,75,343
	S. C.	58,937	1,101	1,532	1,864	1,967	2,131	89,663
Purneah	R.	8,93,687	8,070	8,203	8,054	8,630	8,915	8,96,957
Rajshahye	R.	12,72,169	6,129	5,540	7,122	7,887	9,090	10,35,793
	S. C.	42,761	707	629	718	658	744	49,696
Rungpore	R.	10,97,432	16,974	15,465	13,646	13,553	13,495	11,06,337
Sarun	R.	14,86,555	5,042	4,711	5,685	5,320	5,877	16,73,766
Shahabad	R.	14,02,344	7,868	6,044	6,510	6,763	7,280	21,86,960
Tipperah	R.	13,95,324	18,568	18,965	19,399	20,285	22,635	12,34,383
Tirhoot	R.	42,42,950	8,376	6,752	7,454	8,399	7,399	56,38,220
24-Pergunnahs	R.	23,71,449	20,335	21,660	21,426	21,345	23,810	26,79,875
	S. C.	2,39,306	5,727	5,892	5,387	5,400	5,689	2,76,979
Chota Nagpore	R.	11,60,377	4,454	4,492	4,317	4,167	4,195	14,35,440
Julpaigoree and Darjeeling	R.	2,89,934	3,821	...	...	...	...	...
	S. C.	50,683	980	...	...	...	...	...
Total	R.	6,76,95,138	300,526	314,442	327,248	328,592	350,606	5,35,27,470
	S. C.	27,79,108	54,656	60,340	57,316	54,637	53,271	28,91,626

D.

Number of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	1881.			1882.		
		Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other Suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other Suits.
Backergunge	R.	3,837	14,281	1,078	5,327	15,368	1,250
	S. C.	1,865	...	...	643	...	...
Beerbhoom	R.	1,889	2,508	748	2,048	2,569	818
Bhagulpore	R.	3,136	5,938	1,089	3,110	5,621	1,158
	S. C.	4,858	...	...	5,192	...	...
Burdwan	R.	4,219	6,150	1,306	4,962	6,999	1,494
Bankura	R.	1,750	3,231	1,354	2,385	3,330	1,086
Chittagong	R.	3,412	5,899	2,561	3,322	6,352	2,772
Cuttack	R.	7,152	...	1,388	7,935	...	1,610
	S. C.	1,160	...	...	2,136	...	...
Dacca	R.	12,835	4,692	1,866	12,860	4,526	1,799
	S. C.	6,740	...	...	6,298	...	...
Dinagepore	R.	5,012	2,625	248	5,469	3,686	257
	S. C.	1,218	...	...	1,096	...	...
Furreedpore	R.	9,392	6,413	875	8,361	6,347	868
	S. C.	1,311	...	...	1,079	...	...
Gya	R.	1,125	702	516	1,290	1,347	605
Hooghly	R.	3,926	7,761	1,592	4,376	8,593	1,806
	S. C.	5,595	...	...	6,373	...	...
Jessore	R.	3,216	15,994	1,935	3,548	16,258	1,979
	S. C.	10,386	...	...	8,581	...	...
Midnapore	R.	6,237	7,346	1,613	6,987	8,300	1,935
	S. C.	648	...	...	665	...	...
Moorshedabad	R.	5,438	5,552	1,038	6,071	5,939	1,136
	S. C.	261	...	...	257	...	...
Mymensingh	R.	15,514	2,870	2,290	16,668	3,352	2,100
Noakhally	R.	2,997	6,490	1,092	3,463	7,751	784
Nuddea	R.	2,233	5,662	605	1,546	6,214	656
	S. C.	11,095	...	...	11,143	...	...
Patna	R.	832	2,367	604	1,236	1,938	507
	S. C.	1,475	...	...	1,244	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	R.	4,605	2,443	764	4,337	2,701	798
	S. C.	1,967	...	...	2,131	...	...
Purneah	R.	4,361	3,859	410	4,664	3,879	372
Rajshahye	R.	5,095	2,484	308	5,208	3,532	350
	S. C.	658	...	...	744	...	...
Rungpore	R.	7,294	5,143	1,116	7,521	4,855	1,119
Sarun	R.	2,180	2,210	930	2,482	2,492	90 3
Shahabad	R.	1,735	3,873	1,155	2,061	4,391	828
Tipperah	R.	9,539	8,428	2,318	11,094	8,917	2,624
Tirhoot	R.	3,124	4,004	1,271	3,661	2,796	942
24-Pergunnahs	R.	8,971	10,194	2,180	9,632	11,777	2,401
	S. C.	5,400	...	...	5,689	...	...
Chota Nagpore	R.	3,531	...	636	3,467	...	728
TOTAL	R.	144,587	149,119	34,886	155,091	159,830	35,685
	S. C.	54,637	...	...	53,271	...	...

E.

Value of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	1881.			1882.		
		Suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	Title Suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	Title Suits.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	R.	3,46,834	7,65,498	5,33,833	3,33,951	8,92,869	6,78,316
	S. C.	1,05,551	...	...	80,668	...	...
Beerbhoom	R.	1,31,843	1,54,265	2,00,859	1,20,075	1,79,889	2,88,556
Bhagulpore	R.	5,00,562	4,44,318	12,09,306	4,77,625	5,71,684	13,72,464
	S. C.	2,71,372	...	...	2,86,628	...	...
Burdwan	R.	5,46,521	4,33,731	2,04,176	5,15,291	3,16,492	17,27,219
Bankura	R.	1,12,475	1,37,487	1,50,541	1,82,314	1,44,849	1,49,996
Chittagong	R.	3,03,675	2,00,687	2,35,455	3,05,578	2,07,435	5,36,707
Cuttack	R.	3,73,716	...	3,11,126	3,82,967	...	4,55,080
	S. C.	1,28,979	...	...	1,43,645	...	...
Dacca	R.	7,63:914	1,44,675	8,89,394	12,00,046	1,58,631	9,44,076
	S. C.	4,12,281	...	...	4,12,507	...	...
Dinagepore	R.	10,18,071	1,25,917	1,70,893	5,67,639	1,61,919	90,756
	S. C.	73,684	...	...	73,637	...	...
Furreedpore	R.	5,09,130	2,37,143	1,83,237	4,41,547	2,29,949	2,23,964
	S. C.	49,941	...	...	45,834	...	...
Gya	R.	3,19,765	1,87,195	5,18,163	2,88,234	4,59,310	9,23,574
Hooghly	R.	8,49,701	3,82,049	5,38,384	5,16,762	3,86,486	5,90,717
	S. C.	2,31,346	...	...	2,55,299	...	...
Jessore	R.	3,02,363	6,91,133	3,43,721	2,66,220	6,86,406	3,14,840
	S. C.	4,81,408	...	...	4,20,002	...	...
Midnapore	R.	3,87,622	3,20,338	5,34,640	4,46,785	3,21,802	17,93,032
	S. C.	77,325	...	...	75,529	...	...
Moorshedabad	R.	3,04,643	2,37,789	6,20,391	3,42,181	2,65,078	19,64,827
	S. C.	38,386	...	...	34,474	...	...
Mymensingh	R.	10,74,512	2,06,126	3,33,129	12,01,596	4,21,993	52,68,365
Noakhally	R.	2,10,737	3,12,308	1,25,252	2,37,894	3,40,309	66,319
Nuddea	R.	2,19,666	3,34,002	1,94,554	2,98,566	3,75,821	6,06,814
	S. C.	4,98,715	...	...	5,29,152	...	...
Patna	R.	8,22,547	2,15,001	57,36,871	11,39,625	2,13,493	7,69,463
	S. C.	95,586	...	...	1,17,913	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	R.	4,68,587	1,47,007	3,18,072	4,68,776	1,91,969	6,14,598
	S. C.	82,991	...	...	89,663	...	...
Purneah	R.	5,67,872	3,05,459	1,70,066	4,54,476	3,40,097	1,03,384
Rajshahye	R.	4,22,011	2,03,834	1,29,863	5,41,871	1,91,620	3,02,302
	S. C.	41,261	...	..	49,696	...	...
Rungpore	R.	7,35,363	2,25,140	1,87,429	7,02,035	1,94,191	2,10,111
Saran	R.	6,96,941	1,34,185	11,92,357	8,21,497	1,51,545	7,00,724
Shahabad	R.	5,08,834	2,78,737	3,70,164	13,05,601	2,65,515	6,15,844
Tipperah	R.	5,70,098	3,76,466	1,56,243	6,12,994	4,39,625	1,81,764
Tirhoot	R.	15,38,170	4,13,179	21,29,577	10,86,037	2,79,709	42,71,874
24-Pergunnahs	R.	13,89,076	4,98,639	7,86,963	9,16,581	7,00,038	10,53,356
	S. C.	2,88,146	..	...	2,76,979	..	...
Chota Nagpore	R.	5,13,145	...	3,95,147	4,62,585	...	9,72,855
TOTAL	R.	1,65,08,394	81,12,308	1,88,69,806	1,66,37,949	90,98,624	2,77,90,807
	S. C.	28,76,972	...	...	28,91,626	...	...

F.

Manner of disposal of Original Suits by the Civil Courts, 1882.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Courts.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte.*	Contested (both parties present).	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	R.	5,606	5,211	2,757	13,574
	Bankura	R.	3,226	2,200	1,204	6,630
	Beerbhoom	R.	2,224	1,931	1,353	5,508
	Midnapore	R.	8,783	5,493	3,071	17,347
		S. C.	377	181	118	676
	Hooghly	R.	6,589	4,839	3,608	15,036
		S. C.	2,785	1,956	1,492	6,233
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	R.	9,738	7,897	5,939	23,574
		S. C.	2,279	1,818	1,676	5,773
	Nuddea	R.	3,255	2,886	2,304	8,445
		S. C.	6,319	2,731	2,224	11,274
	Jessore	R.	7,112	9,365	5,870	22,347
		S. C.	4,756	2,462	1,702	8,920
	Moorsheedabad	R.	4,621	5,314	2,824	12,759
		S. C.	121	136	103	360
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	R.	2,875	4,819	1,883	9,577
		S. C.	460	522	113	1,095
	Rajshahye	R.	3,963	3,357	2,238	9,558
		S. C.	325	253	184	762
	Rungpore	R.	5,076	5,579	3,250	13,905
	Pubna	R.	2,276	3,602	1,865	7,743
		S. C.	1,060	645	458	2,163
DACCA	Dacca	R.	4,616	11,539	4,335	20,490
		S. C.	1,986	3,298	1,202	6,486
	Furreedpore	R.	4,860	8,253	3,084	16,197
		S. C.	354	640	178	1,172
	Backergunge	R.	5,606	12,708	4,535	22,849
		S. C.	214	340	117	671
	Mymensingh	R.	5,139	12,226	4,755	22,120
	Tipperah	R.	7,454	8,799	5,871	22,124
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	R.	4,745	3,054	4,662	12,461
	Noakhally	R.	4,158	4,571	2,554	11,283
PATNA	Patna	R.	1,269	748	1,388	3,405
		S. C.	782	376	272	1,430
	Gya	R.	1,106	522	1,062	2,690
	Shahabad	R.	3,007	2,044	2,536	7,587
	Tirhoot	R.	2,691	1,866	2,954	7,421
	Sarun	R.	2,383	1,301	2,043	5,927
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	R.	4,112	3,009	2,615	9,736
		S. C.	2,333	1,990	861	5,184
	Purneah	R.	2,955	3,621	2,232	8,808
ORISSA	Cuttack	R.	5,974	2,075	1,334	9,383
		S. C.	1,060	740	357	2,157
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	R.	1,920	914	1,565	4,399
	TOTAL	R.	127,449	139,743	85,691	352,883
		S. C.	25,211	18,088	11,057	54,356
	GRAND TOTAL		152,660	157,831	96,748	407,239

F 1.

Manner of disposal of Suits by the Courts of Small Causes separately.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested (both parties present).	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Midnapore	377	181	118	676
	Hooghly	508	412	259	1,179
	Serampore	983	535	376	1,894
	Howrah	1,294	1,009	857	3,160
PRESIDENCY	Sealdah	2,215	1,794	1,619	5,628
	Dum-Dum Cantonment	20	1	15	36
	Barrackpore „	44	23	42	109
	Kishnaghur	1,085	1,004	412	2,501
	Ranaghat	748	440	249	1,437
	Bongong	583	446	187	1,216
	Meherpore	1,005	263	358	1,626
	Kooshteah	1,619	295	696	2,610
	Chooadangah	1,279	283	322	1,884
	Jessore	2,168	1,125	678	3,971
	Magoorah	640	387	280	1,307
	Jhenidah	1,006	393	269	1,668
	Narail	942	557	475	1,974
RAJSHAHYE	Berhampore Small Cause Court	121	136	103	360
	Beauleah	325	253	184	762
	Pubna	1,060	645	458	2,163
COOCH BEHAR	Darjeeling	460	522	113	1,095
DACCA	Dacca	1,327	1,820	957	4,104
	Munshigunge	659	1,478	245	2,382
	Furreedpore	354	640	178	1,172
	Backergunge	214	340	117	671
PATNA	Patna	717	336	248	1,301
	Dinapore Cantonment	65	40	24	129
BHAGULPORE	Monghyr	1,296	1,166	443	2,905
	Bhagulpore	1,037	824	418	2,279
ORISSA	Cuttack	1,060	740	357	2,157
	TOTAL	25,211	18,088	11,057	54,356

F 2.

Manner of disposal of Suits by Courts of Officers vested with Small Cause Court powers.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested (both parties present).	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	847	650	323	1,820
	Bankura	399	168	62	629
	Beerbhoom	391	236	145	772
	Midnapore	2,215	1,058	540	3,813
	Hooghly	330	126	103	559
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	3,088	1,491	937	5,516
	Nuddea	466	215	131	812
	Jessore	801	980	397	2,178
	Moorshedabad	1,576	1,563	710	3,849
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	305	373	159	837
	Rajshahye	1,226	643	375	2,244
	Rungpore	927	1,054	324	2,305
	Pubna and Bogra	393	966	179	1,538
DACCA	Dacca	1,912	7,386	1,190	10,488
	Furreedpore	1,953	3,482	778	6,213
	Backergunge	1,330	1,704	590	3,624
	Mymensingh	1,348	2,994	592	4,934
	Tipperah	2,008	3,256	747	6,011
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	221	159	154	534
	Noakhally	196	101	90	387
PATNA	Patna	107	38	31	176
	Gya	227	80	95	402
	Shahabad	248	78	71	397
	Tirhoot	203	172	98	473
	Sarun	379	125	136	640
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	...	...	...	...
	Purneah	541	368	145	1,054
ORISSA	Cuttack	4,216	1,292	746	6,254
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL	27,853	30,758	9,848	68,459

Applications for an order to set aside an ex-parte *judgment or a judgment on default, 1882.*

DISTRICTS.	MOONSIFFS.						SUBORDINATE JUDGES.						SMALL CAUSE COURTS.						JUDGES.					
	PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.		
	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.
Backergunge	686	381	1 067	492	619	1,111	11	3	14	8	8	16	34	15	49	24	28	52	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	50	34	84	47	55	102	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Bhagulpore	131	100	231	96	106	202	17	2	19	5	18	23	50	45	95	53	42	95	...	...	...	...	...	
Burdwan	228	92	320	144	141	285	19	19	38	10	22	32	...	...	...	...	...	.	2	3	5	7	...	7
Bankura	89	22	111	40	63	103	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	190	177	367	147	178	325	3	...	3	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1
Cuttack	66	72	138	75	57	132	1	...	1	...	1	1	9	2	11	5	6	11	...	..	..	...	...	...
Dacca	120	157	277	176	110	286	10	...	10	4	5	9	69	39	108	64	33	97	...	1	1	1	2	3
Dinagepore	45	75	120	61	51	113	13	4	17	4	12	16	1	8	9	7	1	8	...	3	3	3	...	3
Furreedpore	111	103	214	139	181	320	2	...	2	...	3		12	9	21	12	11	23	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	61	18	79	24	82	106	6	...	6	2	7		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly	390	124	514	227	257	484	11	2	13	1	12	13	106	60	166	83	75	158	2	1	3	3	...	3
Jessore	972	178	1,150	434	536	970	6	...	6	1	2	3	151	243	394	232	153	385	...	...	...	...	..	...
Midnapore	292	196	488	198	231	429	4	3	7	2	6	8	16	2	18	6	10	16	...	7	7	7	...	7
Moorshedabad	124	83	207	102	127	229	1	2	3	...	4	4	4	4	8	4	4	8	...	1	1	1	...	1
Mymensingh	151	172	323	166	161	327	3	...	3	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noakhally	128	48	176	69	101	170	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1
Nuddea	121	101	222	97	127	224	2	...	2	2	...	2	94	179	273	183	84	267	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	50	37	87	39	43	82	25	9	34	7	22	29	18	22	40	22	17	39	...	4	4	4	...	4
Pubna and Bogra	125	67	192	79	107	186	8	...	8	1	10	11	28	14	42	21	18	39	...	5	5	3	...	3
Purneah	68	38	106	38	53	91	7	10	17	12	1	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	....	...	...
Rajshahye	66	107	173	94	77	171	1	4	5	4	...	4	15	17	32	22	8	30	...	3	3	2	1	3
Rungpore	120	130	250	193	109	302	3	1	4	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Sarun	113	124	237	119	129	248	4	6	10	7	2	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	4	...	4
Shahabad	83	36	119	34	74	108	4	5	9	4	6	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	162	98	260	107	139	246	4	...	4	...	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot	82	47	129	62	57	119	8	9	17	10	7	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	20	20	14	4	18
24-Pergunnahs	458	182	640	299	327	626	9	5	14	8	6	14	131	74	205	118	86	204	2	...	2	2	...	2
Chota Nagpore	43	19	62	32	26	58	...	1	1		1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	5,325	3,018	8,343	3,830	4,324	8,154	182	85	267	97	167	264	738	733	1,471	856	576	1,432	8	52	60	52	8	60

H.

Result of proceedings in execution of Decrees in the Civil Courts.

DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ON WHICH REALIZATIONS WERE MADE.				AMOUNT REALIZED.		
		In full satisfaction of decree.	In part satisfaction of decree.	With process.	Without process.	With process.	Without process.	Total.
						Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	R.	5,512	3,240	6,460	2,292	7,63,134	1,74,204	9,37,338
	S. C.	148	160	161	147	4,811	10,717	15,528
Beerbhoom	R.	1,132	842	1,543	431	1,24,151	40,485	1,64,636
Bhagulpore	R.	1,769	869	2,303	335	7,46,454	89,617	8,36,071
	S. C.	650	340	753	237	42,814	16,765	59,579
Burdwan	R.	3,027	1,842	4,227	642	4,02,260	22,196	4,24,456
Bankura	R.	2,005	1,111	2,883	233	2,00,768	10,361	2,11,129
Chittagong	R.	3,547	2,489	4,165	1,871	1,80,011	1,05,058	2,85,069
Cuttack	R.	1,027	797	1,634	190	3,01,294	40,688	3,41,982
	S. C.	352	251	480	123	34,919	7,932	42,851
Dacca	R.	2,040	2,046	3,548	1,138	4,06,766	1,24,792	5,31,558
	S. C.	657	932	1,574	15	61,502	1,005	62,507
Dinagepore	R.	963	681	1,424	220	2,56,904	11,868	2,68,772
	S. C.	221	49	216	54	14,386	4,153	18,539
Furreedpore	R.	2,794	1,756	3,964	586	2,87,180	37,116	3,24,296
	S. C.	83	36	97	22	3,314	312	3,626
Gya	R.	883	303	954	232	4,06,990	54,615	4,61,605
Hooghly	R.	3,298	1,672	4,699	271	8,27,580	12,228	8,39,808
	S. C.	856	299	1,111	44	34,909	976	35,885
Jessore	R.	5,074	4,720	8,986	808	7,56,329	32,527	7,88,856
	S. C.	476	1,850	2,242	84	26,869	3,101	29,970
Midnapore	R.	3,281	2,743	4,786	1,238	3,52,049	73,258	4,25,307
	S. C.	132	257	302	87	9,001	9,674	18,675
Moorshedabad	R.	1,811	1,000	2,533	338	2,80,058	44,256	3,24,314
	S. C.	55	23	37	41	2,781	2,261	5,042
Mymensingh	R.	3,230	2,822	4,374	1,178	4,52,507	97,796	5,50,303
Noakhally	R.	3,609	1,964	4,501	1,072	2,54,293	55,642	3,09,935
Nuddea	R.	2,082	1,550	3,316	316	3,71,573	24,709	3,96,282
	S. C.	892	1,413	2,230	75	54,118	3,325	57,443
Patna	R.	1,345	598	1,535	408	4,92,737	84,651	5,77,388
	S. C.	185	46	221	10	10,963	842	11,805
Pubna and Bogra	R.	1,415	916	2,016	315	2,31,659	28,115	2,59,774
	S. C.	120	125	202	43	6,855	2,120	8,975
Purneah	R.	1,160	597	1,719	38	1,90,717	8,019	1,98,736
Rajshahye	R.	1,138	684	1,456	366	2,37,362	51,260	2,88,622
	S. C.	74	39	97	16	5,783	655	6,438
Rungpore	R.	2,031	1,175	3,051	155	2,83,001	16,711	2,99,712
Sarun	R.	1,427	684	1,590	421	4,73,684	44,816	5,18,500
Shahabad	R.	2,170	598	2,177	591	3,54,910	42,766	3,97,676
Tipperah	R.	4,096	2,713	5,869	940	4,13,319	1,19,156	5,32,475
Tirhoot	R.	2,226	899	2,795	330	8,33,621	79,722	9,13,343
24-Pergunnahs	R.	4,485	2,407	6,311	581	9,54,515	48,697	10,03,212
	S. C.	563	545	1,101	7	26,869	146	27,015
Chota Nagpore	R.	869	701	1,523	47	3,13,659	5,924	3,19,583
TOTAL	R.	70,046	43,979	96,442	17,583	1,21,40,485	15,81,253	1,37,30,738
	S. C.	5,464	6,365	10,824	1,005	3,39,894	63,984	4,03,878

I.

Original Miscellaneous (Judicial) Cases, instituted, disposed of, and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
			1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	R.	1,221	1,544	1,246	1,483	203	270
	Bankura	R.	538	528	555	555	104	82
	Beerbhoom	R.	397	506	382	520	122	108
	Midnapore	R.	1,747	1,989	1,848	1,941	307	398
		S. C.	48	56	55	55	1	2
	Hooghly	R.	2,010	2,007	2,017	2,202	685	507
		S. C.	250	285	227	282	54	57
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	R.	2,266	2,385	2,416	2,472	493	390
		S. C.	448	531	443	531	32	32
	Nuddea	R.	1,048	1,157	1,108	1,225	214	171
		S. C.	668	769	655	769	36	36
	Jessore	R.	2,023	2,128	2,033	2,062	280	393
		S. C.	493	520	513	515	7	12
	Moorshedabad	R.	757	806	724	852	203	162
		S. C.	14	10	15	8	...	2
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	R.	400	499	411	484	54	78
		S. C.	29	18	29	16	...	2
	Rajshahye	R.	519	608	565	598	84	99
		S. C.	28	54	28	53	3	7
	Rungpore	R.	770	765	797	788	122	117
	Pubna and Bogra	R.	562	608	538	632	133	160
		S. C.	68	85	64	84	5	7
DACCA	Dacca	R.	1,387	1,335	1,460	1,379	189	150
		S. C.	242	250	257	239	19	31
	Furreedpore	R.	804	828	864	863	131	100
		S. C.	49	24	45	25	4	3
	Backergunge	R.	1,902	1,945	1,991	2,037	416	346
		S. C.	104	63	103	68	6	1
	Mymensingh	R.	912	1,126	926	1,129	203	204
	Tipperah	R.	1,053	1,157	1,046	1,147	180	193
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	R.	1,155	1,336	1,214	1,274	233	300
	Noakhally	R.	638	668	645	673	107	114
PATNA	Patna	R.	1,029	1,281	994	1,289	188	191
		S. C.	75	109	76	109	4	4
	Gya	R.	488	447	491	473	131	106
	Shahabad	R.	759	937	795	916	158	182
	Tirhoot	R.	1,080	1,144	1,131	1,114	177	231
	Sarun	R.	908	1,128	910	1,167	217	203
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	R.	812	1,007	796	988	151	189
		S. C.	269	241	280	235	15	21
	Purneah	R.	654	669	630	625	83	132
ORISSA	Cuttack	R.	567	678	552	675	105	109
		S..C.	32	43	37	47	2	4
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	R.	442	497	429	518	119	100
	TOTAL	R.	28,843	31,803	29,514	32,131	5,792	5,785
		S. C.	2,817	3,063	2,827	3,036	188	221
	GRAND TOTAL	...	31,665	34,866	32,341	35,167	5,980	6,006

I 1.

Original Miscellaneous (Non-Judicial) Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Divisions.	Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Burdwan	Burdwan	971	720	1,126	759	79	40
	Bankura	359	308	355	311	42	39
	Beerbhoom	104	58	147	70	15	3
	Midnapore	2,003	1,634	2,336	1,601	233	266
	Hooghly	2,643	2,175	3,520	2,203	322	294
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	1,871	1,403	1,894	1,397	20	26
	Nuddea	414	386	450	401	30	15
	Jessore	754	657	774	636	13	34
	Moorshedabad	528	405	561	392	6	19
Rajshahye	Dinagepore	1,168	831	1,066	848	183	166
	Rajshahye	629	589	654	601	29	17
	Rungpore	303	347	328	343	13	17
	Pubna and Bogra	508	676	515	697	52	31
Dacca	Dacca	1,116	1,035	1,079	1,230	225	30
	Furreedpore	282	581	348	532	29	78
	Backergunge	586	481	708	600	154	35
	Mymensingh	533	394	525	353	56	97
	Tipperah	1,820	1,495	1,838	1,435	110	170
Chittagong	Chittagong	308	315	314	315	11	11
	Noakhally	283	625	266	594	44	75
Patna	Patna	793	736	997	790	93	39
	Gya	463	874	488	792	62	144
	Shahabad	1,442	1,962	1,736	1,807	29	184
	Tirhoot	2,638	2,293	2,700	2,145	281	429
	Sarun	2,908	2,255	2,595	2,597	659	317
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	2,545	2,650	2,343	2,988	715	377
	Purneah	1,491	1,081	1,710	1,073	271	279
Orissa	Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore	Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	29,463	26,966	31,373	27,510	3,776	3,232

J.

Appeals instituted, disposed of, and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Divisions.	Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Burdwan	Burdwan	494	396	554	635	369	149
	Bankura	385	255	313	579	527	212
	Beerbhoom	313	226	270	279	124	76
	Midnapore	1,453	746	920	1,462	1,301	615
	Hooghly	794	920	1,089	1,131	549	372
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	1,082	1,145	1,038	1,069	667	766
	Nuddea	393	397	495	513	431	327
	Jessore	816	724	849	776	311	301
	Moorshedabad	185	293	212	291	45	50
Rajshahye	Dinagepore	171	176	189	172	16	23
	Rajshahye	349	507	253	399	241	351
	Rungpore	605	495	580	571	127	63
	Pubna and Bogra	385	444	394	293	270	433
Dacca	Dacca	838	899	798	897	347	363
	Furreedpore	554	503	555	406	460	579
	Backergunge	508	826	559	654	208	403
	Mymensingh	1,031	1,049	713	1,229	1,048	896
	Tipperah	1,438	1,538	1,329	1,484	1,033	1,137
Chittagong	Chittagong	859	959	494	1,108	947	828
	Noakhally	431	396	357	465	347	294
Patna	Patna	1,187	724	1,303	543	380	575
	Gya	448	474	705	427	157	219
	Shahabad	910	1,106	444	1,753	1,419	792
	Tirhoot	1,460	1,667	1,273	2,563	1,754	973
	Sarun	786	874	842	815	697	818
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	844	726	814	868	619	527
	Purneah	392	282	421	309	69	55
Orissa	Cuttack	195	245	278	80	106	274
Chota Nagpore	Chota Nagpore	486	509	538	566	271	225
	Total	19,792	19,501	18,579	22,337	14,840	12,696

K.

Number of Appellate Judges and of Appeals preferred, with ratio of Appeals to Decisions.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Appellate Judges.	Number of decisions in which an Appeal lay to the District Courts.	Number of Appeals preferred.	Ratio of Appeals to decisions in which an Appeal lay.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	3	2,314	396	17·11
	Bankura	2	1,014	255	25·14
	Beerbhoom	2	1,126	226	20·07
	Midnapur	3	2,487	746	29·99
	Hooghly	4	3,319	920	27·71
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	4	4,858	1,145	23·56
	Nuddea	2	1,983	397	20·02
	Jessore	3	5,377	724	13·46
	Moorshedabad	2	2,066	293	14·18
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	3	1,709	175	10·24
	Rajshahye	2	1,818	507	27·94
	Rungpur	3	2,921	480	16·56
	Pubna and Bogra	2	1,377	444	32·24
DACCA	Dacca	3	2,570	899	34·98
	Furridpore	2	2,079	503	24·19
	Backergunge	3	3,903	826	21·16
	Mymensing	3	3,426	1,049	30·61
	Tipperah	3	5,107	1,538	30·11
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	3	4,292	959	22·34
	Noakhally	1	2,316	396	17·09
PATNA	Patna	4	1,187	724	60·99
	Gya	3	941	474	50·37
	Shahabad	3	2,448	1,106	45·18
	Tirhoot	4	2,794	1,667	59·66
	Sarun	3	1,839	874	47·52
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	3	2,547	726	28·50
	Purneah	1	2,075	282	13·59
ORISSA	Cuttack	2	567	205	36·15
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	3	1,464	407	27·80
	TOTAL	84	71,924	19,343	26·89

L.

Number of Appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Districts.	1881.			1882.		
	In Suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In Title Suits.	In Suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In Title Suits.
Backergunge	105	270	133	93	529	204
Beerbhoom	66	119	128	54	91	81
Bhagulpore	110	511	223	93	456	177
Burdwan	107	150	237	92	162	142
Bankura	58	103	224	32	77	146
Chittagong	151	250	458	145	303	511
Cuttack	51	34	110	51	39	155
Dacca	126	372	340	145	401	353
Dinagepore	76	61	34	75	76	25
Furreedpore	130	244	180	79	236	188
Gya	123	169	156	144	193	137
Hooghly	103	342	349	108	471	341
Jessore	67	453	296	60	378	286
Midnapore	120	342	991	90	299	357
Moorshedabad	42	75	68	52	152	89
Mymensingh	372	252	407	439	263	347
Noakhally	95	214	122	92	197	107
Nuddea	11	250	132	13	243	141
Patna	81	782	324	69	479	176
Pubna and Bogra	119	125	141	116	180	148
Purneah	62	241	89	38	167	77
Rajshahye	126	161	62	154	242	111
Rungpore	193	238	174	142	222	131
Sarun	110	373	303	118	413	343
Shahabad	91	443	376	76	669	361
Tipperah	253	678	507	220	818	500
Tirhoot	265	736	459	228	1,104	335
24-Pergunnahs	228	454	400	196	544	411
Chota Nagpore	184	122	180	182	102	225
Total	3,625	8,564	7,603	3,390	9,506	6,605

M.

Value of Appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Districts.	1881.			1882.		
	In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In Title Suits.	In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In Title Suits.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	20,095	24,329	32,005	26,610	42,967	49,052
Beerbhoom	8,113	7,214	20,024	8,109	4,905	22,098
Bhagulpore	39,471	45,179	81,162	26,854	39,321	49,797
Burdwan	19,221	8,003	29,329	20,143	16,128	21,813
Bankura	7,526	6,715	26,110	2,485	5,720	19,847
Chittagong	20,086	12,953	38,774	22,744	15,396	46,512
Cuttack	21,200	4,072	16,768	12,185	3,390	28,269
Dacca	13,942	17,521	97,269	44,989	19,021	69,739
Dinagepore	16,232	4,166	9,984	22,217	5,383	2,568
Furreedpore	15,171	15,069	42,820	13,123	12,244	41,256
Gya	34,403	27,284	70,323	41,902	38,939	85,927
Hooghly	7,396	14,531	76,751	8,609	32,686	76,196
Jessore	17,510	27,415	35,199	14,409	38,875	33,385
Midnapore	12,928	15,168	93,432	10,056	24,153	1,04,273
Moorshedabad	3,752	13,503	20,719	4,360	7,264	28,213
Mymensingh	45,301	14,886	82,281	50,691	24,251	77,769
Noakhally	9,975	21,768	13,714	8,747	10,197	8,853
Nuddea	5,495	19,248	36,256	7,240	11,847	44,675
Patna	21,951	70,374	78,259	24,402	35,485	63,240
Pubna and Bogra	27,139	17,120	43,780	20,357	7,208	41,671
Purneah	14,015	13,957	19,559	10,801	12,655	14,491
Rajshahye	27,383	12,503	21,715	26,844	19,296	43,273
Rungpore	32,643	18,430	23,933	26,423	13,479	17,635
Sarun	27,566	89,720	53,029	46,909	27,556	84,133
Shahabad	19,433	38,209	77,925	30,054	50,874	67,821
Tipperah	29,927	25,641	49,758	32,188	39,848	32,792
Tirhoot	54,712	55,091	99,175	80,114	86,983	87,571
24-Pergunnahs	56,244	34,818	58,431	43,737	54,094	80,616
Chota Nagpore	34,051	15,502	66,309	39,477	13,724	86,966
Total	6,62,881	6,40,389	14,14,793	7,26,779	7,13,889	14,30,451

N.

Appeals how disposed of.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded	Otherwise disposed of.	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	389	52	130	15	49	635
	Bankura	327	89	129	23	11	579
	Beerbhoom	154	42	53	13	17	279
	Midnapore	710	382	144	30	196	1,462
	Hooghly	732	65	202	44	88	1,131
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	599	94	219	56	101	1,069
	Nuddea	324	77	70	6	36	513
	Jessore	430	40	208	54	54	776
	Moorshedabad	171	21	80	12	7	291
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	101	21	33	11	6	172
	Rajshahye	233	42	75	26	23	399
	Rungpore	334	44	152	18	23	571
	Pubna and Bogra	175	36	67	5	10	293
DACCA	Dacca	524	166	149	24	34	897
	Furreedpore	206	36	83	27	54	406
	Backergunge	421	69	88	19	57	654
	Mymensingh	699	117	319	30	64	1,229
	Tipperah	927	131	328	28	70	1,484
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	619	78	257	57	97	1,108
	Noakhally	226	77	100	17	45	465
PATNA	Patna	287	64	95	9	88	543
	Gya	314	13	64	29	7	427
	Shahabad	1,113	111	326	37	166	1,753
	Tirhoot	1,275	593	238	39	418	2,563
	Sarun	473	37	208	37	60	815
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	431	147	156	50	84	868
	Purneah	199	45	39	8	18	309
ORISSA	Cuttack	50	5	15	1	9	80
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	354	65	102	27	18	566
	TOTAL	12,787	2,759	4,129	752	1,910	22,337

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Miscellaneous Cases before Appellate Courts.

Divisions.	Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Burdwan	Burdwan	35	42	32	39	12	16
	Bankura	18	33	16	29	2	6
	Beerbhoom	34	20	31	27	9	2
	Midnapore	42	58	23	66	21	13
	Hooghly	14	52	26	63	15	4
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	57	116	71	115	13	15
	Nuddea	29	44	27	46	10	11
	Jessore	77	126	84	121	9	14
	Moorshedabad	14	22	14	17	2	7
Rajshahye	Dinagepore	9	7	10	4	...	3
	Rajshahye	16	38	12	33	8	13
	Rungpore	19	18	19	22	4	...
	Pubna and Bogra	44	35	39	33	19	22
Dacca	Dacca	59	114	60	116	13	11
	Furreedpore	44	49	69	53	30	28
	Backergunge	58	105	67	96	15	25
	Mymensingh	7	74	5	63	2	29
	Tipperah	53	137	58	144	31	28
Chittagong	Chittagong	101	153	105	145	80	92
	Noakhally	17	13	18	14	1	...
Patna	Patna	39	75	54	61	6	21
	Gya	45	45	47	40	11	13
	Shahabad	35	54	67	83	34	5
	Tirhoot	171	204	162	204	26	34
	Sarun	50	55	43	54	14	15
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	39	47	58	52	7	3
	Purneah	18	10	9	19	10	1
Orissa	Cuttack	18	15	27	8	1	8
Chota Nagpore	Chota Nagpore	46	41	49	62	29	8
	Total	1,208	1,802	1,302	1,829	434	452

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Work done by District Judges, 1882.

Districts.	Days Civil.	Days Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.	Number of Sessions Trials.	Number of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge	117	162	4	191	87	81	61	259
Beerbhoom	181	60	29	137	149	27	28	30
Bhagulpore	191	124	1	119	281	51	51	131
Burdwan	126	124	21	244	128	39	72	80
Bankura	207	34	27	70	334	29	31	32
Chittagong	157	113	11	384	34	102	24	42
Cuttack	97	168	...	44	65	8	72	132
Dacca	165	96	32	381	336	100	56	205
Dinagepore	149	86	2	101	168	4	39	54
Furreedpore	145	138	5	173	192	51	32	172
Gya	164	94	2	103	194	40	59	102
Hooghly	151	108	47	620	256	27	44	61
Jessore	132	123	26	337	271	90	69	149
Midnapore	121	147	6	252	806	66	89	145
Moorshedabad	188	57	9	210	182	17	38	93
Mymensingh	116	143	7	111	312	20	106	272
Noakhally	194	80	41	140	465	14	16	104
Nuddea	130	108	14	387	253	34	63	118
Patna	159	109	16	644	437	54	63	156
Pubna and Bogra	94	211	4	123	14	33	39	156
Purneah	191	60	5	99	309	19	21	26
Rajshahye	156	86	3	136	317	33	51	78
Rungpore	180	73	1	118	230	20	60	49
Sarun	140	115	3	344	199	42	90	112
Shahabad	185	103	...	244	975	83	42	160
Tipperah	121	147	1	173	274	72	42	216
Tirhoot	125	118	...	259	1,195	137	68	188
24-Pergunnahs	222	27	36	753	379	88	3	105
Chota Nagpore	144	124	1	4	215	24	74	179
Total	4,448	3,138	354	6,001	9,052	1,405	1,512	3,606

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Work done by Additional Judges.

Districts.	Days Civil.	Days Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.	Number of Sessions Trials.	Number of Criminal Appeals.
Hooghly	...	29	...	1	...	...	26	36
24-Pergunnahs	114	111	2	9	258	11	78	...
Total	114	140	2	10	258	11	104	36

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Work done by Subordinate Judges.

Districts.	Suits.				Miscellaneous.			Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.
	Withdrawn, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.		
Backergunge { 1st Sub-Judge	20	35	41	96	134	31	...	302	4
Backergunge { 2nd ditto	20	33	52	105	215	56	...	265	11
Beerbhoom	19	16	34	69	45	14	...	130	
Bhagulpore { 1st Sub-Judge	2	3	5	10	18	35	...	248	1
Bhagulpore { 2nd ditto	68	59	119	246	204	109	1	339	
Bhagulpore { Covenanted ditto	3	7	2	12	...	...	...	...	..
Burdwan { 1st Sub-Judge	33	26	40	99	147	160	...	240	
Burdwan { 2nd ditto	4	...	11	15	...	7	...	267	
Bankura	6	1	6	13	4	9	...	245	
Chittagong { 1st Sub-Judge	6	11	16	33	23	7	...	786	25
Chittagong { 2nd ditto	8	10	24	42	54	11	...	288	18
Cuttack	25	10	23	58	142	41	...	15	
Dacca { 1st Sub-Judge	25	33	53	111	254	134	...	297	7
Dacca { 2nd ditto	27	22	51	100	14	19	...	264	9
Dinagepore	12	82	33	127	54	63	1	9	...
Deputy Commissioner of Darjeeling as Sub-Judge.	5	7	2	14	13	3	...	...	
Furreedpore	16	21	23	60	89	24	...	214	2
Gya { 1st Sub-Judge	55	40	134	229	187	67	3	139	...
Gya { 2nd ditto	12	4	47	63	...	...	...	94	
Hooghly { 1st Sub-Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	4
Hooghly { 2nd ditto	27	28	55	110	179	92	...	424	23
Hooghly { 3rd ditto	17	15	32	64	31	53	...	402	9
Jessore	17	25	35	77	92	54	5	448	30
Khoolna	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	1
Midnapore { 1st Sub-Judge	33	31	67	131	165	103	...	115	...
Midnapore { 2nd ditto	8	1	24	33	4	27	...	541	
Moorshedabad	29	43	49	121	136	30	...	109	
Mymensingh { Sub-Judge	20	35	53	108	98	63	6	467	37
Mymensingh { Additional Sub-Judge	8	5	21	34	3	6	...	450	6
Mymensingh { Covenanted ditto	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Noakhally	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Nuddea	17	33	51	101	119	56	2	260	12
Patna { 1st Sub-Judge	44	10	50	104	147	129	...	11	
Patna { 2nd ditto	40	47	54	141	102	95	...	63	7
Patna { Additional ditto	5	...	1	6	...	...	...	32	
Pubna	21	25	42	88	104	97	...	279	
Purneah { Sub-Judge	335	222	88	645*	118	45	1	...	
Purneah { Covenanted ditto	...	12	8	20	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	19	30	49	98	94	52	3	82	..
Rungpore	17	24	16	57	54	19	...	304	
Sub-Judge of Julpaigoree	4	2	7	13	4	3	...	37	2
Sarun { 1st Sub-Judge	44	36	69	149	70	19	1	292	4
Sarun { 2nd ditto	56	33	70	159	146	71	...	324	8
Shahabad { Sub-Judge	51	14	102	167	160	72	...	151	...
Shahabad { Additional ditto	4	2	3	9	...	12	...	627	.
Shahabad { Covenanted ditto	...	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	..
Tipperah { 1st Sub-Judge	10	23	68	101	99	60	...	652	37
Tipperah { 2nd ditto	5	7	10	22	42	15	...	558	35
Tirhoot { 1st Sub-Judge	42	43	103	188	126	75	...	364	
Tirhoot { 2nd ditto	66	53	119	238	191	114	...	403	20
Tirhoot { Additional ditto	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	601	47
24-Pergunnahs { 1st Sub-Judge	39	31	63	133	105	63	1	142	5
24-Pergunnahs { 2nd ditto	46	32	66	144	125	70	...	290	11
Chota Nagpore	44	29	101	174	120	163	...	351	38
Total	1,434	1,315	2,194	4,943	4,231	2,448	24	13,027	413

* Including cases disposed of under powers of Small Cause Court Judge up to Rs. 50.

P 4.

Showing the number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1882.

DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFI.	SUITS.				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
HACKERGUNGE	Covenanted Munsif of Burisal	44	83	40	167	9	...	...
	Burisal, 1st	906	2,483	513	3,902	1,258	373	131
	Do., 2nd	823	2,363	488	3,674	783	305	67
	Do., 3rd	163	207	139	509	723	115	...
	Do., 4th	175	209	110	494	128	54	...
	Bhola, 1st	614	1,236	583	2,433	756	102	131
	Do., 2nd	254	339	199	792	757	131	...
	Do., 3rd	17	16	16	49	74	27	...
	Patuakhally, 1st	748	1,753	541	3,042	994	117	201
	Do., 2nd	191	387	336	914	480	84	...
	Do., 3rd	275	631	252	1,158	144	50	...
	Perozepore, 1st	1,006	2,364	796	4,166	1,701	242	69
	Do., 2nd	198	241	192	631	98	32	...
	Do., 3rd	152	328	233	713	489	127	1
	TOTAL	5,566	12,640	4,438	22,644	8,394	1,759	600
BEERBHOOM	Suri	535	334	317	1,186	597	108	25
	Doobrajpore	438	346	219	1,003	279	41	27
	Bholepore	580	699	408	1,687	490	143	7
	Rampore Haut	645	528	361	1,534	525	77	11
	TOTAL	2,198	1,907	1,305	5,410	1,891	369	70
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	475	462	276	1,213	426	131	875
	Monghyr, 1st	397	443	416	1,256	599	253	704
	Do., 2nd	110	117	144	371	...	...	...
	Do., 3rd	165	124	77	366	16	36	...
	Jumooee	272	241	273	786	239	61	991
	Begoosarai	623	315	451	1,389	366	105	171
	Modheypoora	1,417	881	442	2,740	601	68	16
	Banka	580	357	409	1,346	165	71	230
	TOTAL	4,039	2,940	2,488	9,467	2,412	725	2,987
BURDWAN	Sudder, 1st	626	719	296	1,641	671	168	116
	Do., 2nd	685	580	364	1,629	471	122	24
	Do., 3rd	622	588	275	1,485	585	133	35
	Culna, 1st	1,152	638	278	2,098	582	157	162
	Do., 2nd	41	124	79	244	...	...	...
	Cutwa, 1st	567	704	387	1,658	507	97	75
	Do., 2nd	405	505	279	1,189	433	89	59
	Bood-Bood	708	947	347	2,002	949	177	181
	Raneegunge	670	341	370	1,381	490	122	106
	Covenanted Munsif of Burdwan	38	23	21	82	5	7	1
	Do. do. of Raneegunge	10	16	4	30	...	...	...
	TOTAL	5,554	5,185	2,700	13,439	4,693	1,072	759
BANKURA	Covenanted Munsif of Bankura	19	11	11	41	...	1	...
	Bankura	930	702	283	1,915	958	120	66
	Gungajalghati	438	318	196	952	433	76	91
	Bishenpore	757	498	238	1,493	633	108	35
	Kotulpore	516	506	188	1,210	543	113	88
	Khattra	550	157	272	979	499	58	31
	TOTAL	3,210	2,192	1,188	6,590	3,066	476	311
CHITTAGONG	Sudder	492	283	448	1,223	405	97	12
	Meersarai	559	444	613	1,616	862	117	38
	Satkania	401	267	350	1,018	464	48	38
	North Raojan	259	527	398	1,184	606	84	27
	South Do.	355	229	346	930	332	82	12
	North Putteah, 1st	320	101	277	698	833	78	...
	South Do., 2nd	637	403	444	1,484	1,094	112	68
	Hathazari	363	229	664	1,256	345	102	46
	Fatikcharri	440	221	467	1,128	297	50	25
	Anwara	480	167	382	1,029	408	90	36
	Cox's Bazar	424	162	223	809	308	12	13
	TOTAL	4,730	3,033	4,612	12,375	5,954	872	315

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Showing the number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1882—continued.

Districts.	Munsifi.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
Cuttack	Sudder, 1st	1,928	649	375	2,952	315	127	...
	Do., 2nd	66	27	69	162	56	20	...
	Balasore	1,038	401	229	1,668	363	114	...
	Pooree	1,150	654	289	2,093	464	136	...
	Jajpore	1,767	334	349	2,450	482	193	...
	Total	5,949	2,065	1,311	9,325	1,680	590	...
Dacca	Sudder, 1st	277	421	252	950	494	107	...
	Do., 2nd	380	1,869	410	2,659	401	78	50
	Do., 3rd	131	338	212	681	89	31	1
	Do., Extra	25	22	28	75	2	4	...
	Covenanted Munsif of Dacca	29	10	19	58	3	8	...
	Kaligunge	366	2,518	667	3,551	499	53	209
	Do., 2nd	415	622	336	1,373	293	64	...
	Manickgunge, 1st	1,139	1,799	512	3,450	447	106	403
	Do., 2nd	287	276	247	810	382	87	...
	Do., 3rd	314	214	257	785	313	89	...
	Munshigunge, 1st	792	1,737	615	3,144	1,067	137	505
	Do., 2nd	289	1,612	439	2,340	336	80	62
	Do., 3rd	102	45	224	371	69	6	...
	Total	4,546	11,483	4,218	20,247	4,395	845	1,230
Dinagepore	Sub-Judge with powers of Munsif	46	111	58	215	51	15	...
	Small Cause Court Judge of Darjeeling with powers of Munsif	61	83	7	151	18	11	...
	Small Cause Court Judge of Kurseong with powers of Munsif	8	5	1	9	47	...	...
	Sudder	581	1,327	434	2,342	415	66	135
	Extra	208	354	201	763	93	53	...
	Thakurgaon	658	892	398	1,948	446	57	463
	Hemtabad	593	714	363	1,670	222	28	85
	Patnitolah	275	544	173	992	149	35	72
	Chintaman	406	684	192	1,282	118	48	92
	Terai	25	16	21	62	17	4	...
	Total	2,856	4,730	1,848	9,434	1,576	317	847
Furreedpore	Sudder	471	941	375	1,787	858	92	105
	Bhanga, 1st	823	1,047	358	2,228	394	57	1
	Do., 2nd	758	1,524	375	2,657	838	78	3
	Do., 3rd	131	126	72	329	7	2	...
	Goalundo, 1st	320	175	195	690	298	77	...
	Do., 2nd	800	719	460	1,979	463	71	312
	Madaripore, 1st	269	1,575	363	2,207	929	124	34
	Do., 2nd	165	403	167	735	18	8	...
	Mulfatgunge, 1st	443	652	348	1,443	276	70	15
	Do., 2nd	661	1,070	346	2,077	371	87	62
	Total	4,841	8,232	3,059	16,132	4,452	666	532
Gya	Covenanted Munsif of Sudder	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
	Sudder, 1st	501	233	303	1,037	443	131	159
	Do., 2nd	371	172	373	916	367	132	603
	Do., Additional	9	...	38	47	...	14	...
	Arangabad	157	73	147	377	173	26	27
	Covenanted Munsif of Jehanabad	...	...	18	18	...	...	...
	Total	1,039	478	879	2,396	983	303	789
Hooghly	Sudder, 1st	537	368	289	1,194	416	93	86
	Do., 2nd	393	324	278	995	310	88	272
	Howrah, 1st	571	542	278	1,391	534	248	198
	Do., 2nd	361	442	354	1,157	263	81	...
	Serampore, 1st	986	1,010	548	2,544	731	232	434
	Do., 2nd	148	194	143	485	...	...	...
	Haripal	734	362	295	1,391	637	138	151
	Ulubariah	736	293	262	1,291	368	189	241
	Amta	822	511	339	1,672	588	167	353
	Jehanabad, 1st	815	553	476	1,844	604	111	468
	Do., 2nd	430	194	213	837	300	88	...
	Covenanted Munsif of Serampore.	4	3	7	14	...	1	...
	Total	6,537	4,796	3,482	14,815	4,751	1,436	2,203

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Showing the number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1882—continued.

Districts.	Munsifs.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
Jessore	Sudder, 1st	781	805	471	2,057	1,038	113	39
	Do., 2nd	721	1,301	458	2,480	1,292	171	43
	Do., 3rd	769	1,175	649	2,593	1,207	286	57
	Narail, 1st	507	631	440	1,578	979	179	116
	Do., 2nd	376	575	331	1,282	667	111	28
	Jhenidah	789	758	813	2,360	940	170	139
	Bagirhat, 1st	783	1,095	707	2,585	882	174	105
	Do., 2nd	295	298	320	913	367	115	...
	Magoorah	771	886	710	2,367	891	90	56
	Khulnah	1,128	1,706	831	3,665	1,246	227	46
	Satkhira, 1st	106	92	52	250	128	10	2
	Do., 2nd	68	18	28	114	59	25	...
	Total	7,094	9,340	5,810	22,244	9,696	1,671	631
Midnapore	Sudder, 1st	2,667	1,774	652	5,093	1,874	195	305
	Do., 2nd	378	129	136	643	539	112	...
	Dantun	621	299	261	1,181	205	136	45
	Nemal, 1st	827	343	357	1,527	574	224	160
	Do., 2nd	725	438	419	1,582	486	111	...
	Do., 3rd	9	82	20	111	...	26	...
	Garbettah, 1st	639	840	140	1,619	838	174	184
	Do., 2nd	164	317	82	563	51	11	...
	Tumlook, 1st	1,307	730	360	2,397	539	279	338
	Do., 2nd	598	163	255	1,016	309	131	...
	Ghattal, 1st	596	294	159	1,049	419	141	569
	Do., 2nd	204	50	121	375	8	17	...
	Covenanted Munsif of Midnapore.	7	2	12	21	3	2	...
	Total	8,742	5,461	2,974	17,177	5,845	1,559	1,601
Moorshedabad	Covenanted Munsif of Moorshedabad	16	10	29	55	3	1	...
	Sudder, 1st	775	916	366	2,057	393	80	38
	Do., 2nd.	662	599	268	1,529	363	88	62
	Do., Additional	172	119	253	544	24	6	...
	Kandi	979	710	613	2,302	778	148	151
	Do. Additional	7	17	90	114	3	1	...
	Janghipore	1,047	1,445	534	3,026	673	161	81
	Do. Additional.	234	316	270	820	24	8	...
	Do. do.	4	1	54	59	3	3	...
	Azimgunge	696	1,137	290	2,123	445	116	60
	Total	4,592	5,270	2,767	12,629	2,709	612	392
Mymensingh	Sudder	876	1,064	535	2,475	348	111	72
	Covenanted Munsif of Mymensingh	8	3	17	28	...	...	...
	Ishrigunge	96	1,135	328	1,559	323	50	21
	Ghosegong	324	1,136	269	1,729	436	46	26
	Hoseinpore, 1st	454	841	384	1,679	472	36	18
	Do., 2nd	189	383	142	714	234	18	17
	Do., Additional	25	43	60	128	...	...	...
	Pingnah	406	970	347	1,723	475	104	16
	Do., Additional	11	22	32	65	...	...	...
	Sherepore	207	670	176	1,053	240	57	11
	Attea, 1st	375	1,269	469	2,113	528	139	116
	Do., 2nd	271	500	404	1,175	349	62	...
	Netrokona, 1st	687	1,678	517	2,882	620	61	32
	Do., 2nd	344	800	373	1,517	606	60	...
	Bazitpore	351	943	298	1,592	463	62	...
	Jamalpore	486	726	325	1,537	343	143	18
	Total	5,110	12,183	4,676	21,969	5,437	949	347
Noakhally	Sudharam, 1st	779	786	298	1,863	920	76	53
	Do., 2nd	239	161	166	566	286	48	...
	Lakhipore, 1st	616	817	323	1,756	1,063	118	49
	Do., 2nd	429	722	285	1,436	543	75	...
	Sandip	689	624	622	1,935	1,001	109	12
	Begumgunge, 1st	865	829	423	2,117	978	76	102
	Do., 2nd	72	48	51	171	...	...	...
	Dewangunge, 1st	430	569	354	1,362	747	31	378
	Do., 2nd	15	4	17	36	...	....	...
	Total	4,143	4,560	2,539	11,242	5,538	533	594

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Showing the number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munif's Court in 1882—continued.

Districts.	Munsifi.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
Nuddea	Kishnagur, 1st	270	397	193	860	475	56	80
	Do., 2nd	191	253	194	638	230	25	...
	Kushtia, 1st	336	351	360	1,047	460	173	30
	Do., 2nd	187	256	189	632	392	110	13
	Bongong, 1st	1,140	849	602	2,591	610	72	55
	Do., 2nd	88	43	78	209	267	33	...
	Meherpore	184	163	87	434	224	51	39
	Ranaghat	508	268	341	1,117	463	140	114
	Chooadangah of Behar	325	273	204	802	384	122	68
	Total	3,229	2,853	2,248	8,330	3,505	782	399
Patna	Sudder, 1st	330	177	190	697	499	148	200
	Do., 2nd	243	106	401	750	435	71	211
	Do., 3rd	389	261	384	1,034	431	100	190
	Behar	205	142	279	626	296	99	189
	Covenanted Munsif of Behar	13	5	13	31	...	3	...
	Total	1,180	691	1,267	3,138	1,661	421	790
Pubna and Bogra.	Pubna	414	577	608	1,599	594	173	43
	Bogra, 1st	612	1,060	399	2,071	542	84	225
	Do., 2nd	345	486	203	1,034	148	42	59
	Shazadpore	511	402	183	1,096	310	78	310
	Serajgunge	336	1,019	408	1,763	610	84	60
	Covenanted Munsif of Serajgunge	35	33	20	88	13	1	...
	Total	2,253	3,577	1,821	7,651	2,217	462	697
Purneah	Sudder	296	1,054	456	1,806	345	142	185
	Kudba	271	680	113	1,064	120	23	115
	Arrareah, 1st	289	195	193	677	187	70	232
	Do., 2nd	339	539	431	1,309	357	90	...
	Kishengunge, 1st	1,219	769	761	2,749	619	156	540
	Do., 2nd	204	148	181	533	...	...	...
	Total	2,618	3,385	2,135	8,138	1,628	481	1,072
Rajshahye	Beauleah	787	361	287	1,435	302	94	272
	Nattore, 1st	817	568	293	1,678	427	104	157
	Do., 2nd	147	113	128	388	19	15	...
	Maldah, 1st	1,427	818	630	2,875	520	92	132
	Do., 2nd	31	32	42	105	1	2	...
	Sibgunge, 1st	463	1,270	619	2,352	451	98	37
	Do., 2nd	271	165	188	624	3	5	...
	Total	3,943	3,327	2,187	9,457	1,723	410	598
Rungpore	Rungpore, 1st	743	820	375	1,938	296	76	20
	Do., 2nd	296	561	266	923	169	19	11
	Do., 3rd	319	452	269	1,020	289	64	10
	Kurigram, 1st	861	537	527	1,925	487	58	158
	Do., 2nd	486	803	461	1,750	220	119	28
	Do., 3rd	81	26	102	209	...	...	...
	Nelphamari, 1st	524	422	304	1,250	376	67	11
	Do., 2nd	411	378	160	949	159	44	9
	Gaebanda, 1st	234	888	232	1,354	502	70	92
	Do., 2nd	242	273	164	679	296	45	4
	Do., Extra	57	67	92	216	3	4	...
	Julpaigoree	647	474	225	1,346	314	69	...
	Covenanted Munsif of Rungpore	17	12	9	38	1	1	...
	Alipore	136	60	41	237	31	12	...
	Total	5,054	5,553	3,227	13,834	3,143	648	343
Sarun	Chupra, 1st	181	178	211	570	418	112	...
	Do., 2nd	247	126	212	585	367	65	...
	Do., 3rd	596	332	574	1,502	196	73	682
	Covenanted Munsif of Chupra	15	4	9	28	...	...	...
	Sewan	520	242	493	1,255	470	229	589
	Covenanted Munsif of Sewan	25	4	15	44	2	...	...
	Motiharee, 1st	787	289	217	1,293	422	193	1,325
	Do., 2nd	111	57	171	339	9	61	...
	Total	2,482	1,232	1,902	5,616	1,884	733	2,596

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Showing the number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1882—concluded.

Districts.	Munsifi.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
Shahabad	Arrah, 1st	457	154	244	855	638	98	...
	Do., 2nd	1,055	964	657	2,676	788	148	507
	Do., Additional	230	192	480	902	65	21	...
	Buxar	621	592	691	1,904	813	155	471
	Covenanted Munsif of Buxar	24	4	30	58	5	1	...
	Sasseram	552	119	319	990	295	165	829
	Covenanted Munsif of Sasseram	13	1	8	22	...	...	...
	Total	2,952	2,026	2,429	7,407	2,599	588	1,809
Tipperah	Commillah, 1st	178	246	403	827	439	102	...
	Do., 2nd	827	690	573	2,090	442	98	151
	Do., 3rd	53	81	55	189	48	11	...
	Bramanbereah, 1st	768	1,719	587	3,074	777	99	84
	Do., 2nd	305	398	358	1,061	491	75	...
	Gouripore	718	527	422	1,667	457	69	198
	Kusba	546	746	399	1,691	589	73	69
	Ram Roygram	826	401	837	2,064	467	72	365
	Muradnagar, 1st	930	746	483	2,159	500	65	155
	Do., 2nd	666	883	538	2,087	477	70	392
	Do., 3rd	322	377	293	992	471	87	...
	Chandpore, 1st	971	1,519	459	2,949	1,427	71	21
	Do., 2nd	329	436	385	1,150	82	7	...
	Total	7,439	8,769	5,792	22,000	6,667	899	1,435
Tirhoot	Mozufferpore, 1st	287	302	304	893	267	73	...
	Do., 2nd	342	241	543	1,126	453	76	338
	Tajpore	270	181	554	1,005	517	104	315
	Covenanted Munsif of Tajpore	27	16	13	56	...	..	...
	Hajipore, 1st	444	183	270	897	493	122	59
	Do., 2nd	32	5	73	110	...	...	...
	Madhubani	408	340	244	992	251	57	931
	Durbhunga, 1st	330	276	365	971	403	94	275
	Do., 2nd	...	...	3	3	...	...	...
	Sitamarhi	351	225	361	932	418	140	227
	Covenanted Munsif of Hajipore	2	1	2	5	...	...	...
	Total	2,493	1,770	2,732	6,995	2,802	666	2,145
24-Pergunnahs	Alipore, 1st	323	140	189	652	384	98	200
	Do., 2nd	1,135	1,108	829	3,072	436	162	131
	Do., 3rd	239	72	204	515	213	59	...
	Diamond Harbour, 1st	1,179	1,790	772	3,741	1,016	203	386
	Do., 2nd	279	105	155	539	535	185	212
	Do., 3rd	304	101	180	585	74	42	...
	Baraset, 1st	1,060	842	620	2,522	636	125	109
	Do., 2nd	380	209	280	869	371	102	45
	Satkhira, 1st	305	202	149	746	588	78	19
	Do., 2nd	1,073	940	541	2,554	374	115	56
	Basirhat, 1st	1,086	728	541	2,355	614	97	207
	Do., 2nd	405	190	204	799	442	94	52
	Sealdah	494	423	427	1,344	417	100	29
	Barripore, 1st	926	521	342	1,789	515	82	357
	Do., 2nd	450	373	354	1,177	...	35	...
	Total	9,638	7,834	5,787	23,259	6,615	1,577	1,893
Chota Nagpore	Lohardugga	96	29	77	202	56	12	...
	Ranchi	158	102	150	410	150	26	...
	Palamow	205	60	100	365	104	19	...
	Hazareebagh	175	55	63	293	96	30	...
	Chattra	87	44	58	189	79	77	...
	Khurrukdea	237	211	203	651	222	61	...
	Purulia	433	120	258	811	329	67	...
	Barabazar	175	84	261	520	138	29	...
	Rughoonathpore	224	155	235	614	246	26	...
	Gobindpore	66	19	49	134	26	4	...
	Covenanted Munsif of Ranchi	19	6	9	34	4	...	...
	Assistant Commissioner of Singbhoom as Munsif	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
	Total	1,876	885	1,463	4,224	1,450	351	...
	GRAND TOTAL	125,903	138,397	83,284	347,584	109,366	22,772	27,983

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Average duration of Cases.

Districts.	* Procedure.	District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsifs.		Small Cause Court Judges.	
		Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.
		Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Backergunge	O.	0 1 20	...	0 6 4	0 2 21	0 4 0	0 2 6	0 1 0	0 0 25
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 20	0 1 3	...	...
Beerbhoom	O.	0 6 13	0 3 2	0 3 10	0 1 29	0 4 5	0 1 19	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 4	0 0 24	...	...
Bhagulpore	...	0 1 0	...	0 3 29	0 2 11	0 3 3	0 1 17	0 0 29	0 0 21
Burdwan	O.	0 4 23	0 6 2	0 9 14	0 3 20	0 3 23	0 2 2	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 11	0 0 26	...	...
Bankura	O.	0 5 28	0 4 1	0 10 7	0 0 11	0 3 17	0 1 17	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 10	0 0 28	...	...
Chittagong	O.	0 4 6	0 1 20	0 7 29	0 3 27	0 3 5	0 1 18	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 7	0 0 26	...	...
Cuttack	O.	...	...	0 10 3	0 2 24	0 4 18	0 1 17	0 0 26	0 0 20
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 29	0 0 23	...	...
Dacca	O.	0 7 15	0 2 10	0 6 21	0 3 9	0 3 12	0 1 18	0 1 9	0 0 25
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 12	0 0 28	...	...
Dinagepore	O.	...	0 5 16	0 8 9	0 4 6	0 2 26	0 1 12	0 1 22	0 1 11
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 19	0 1 11	...	...
Furreedpore	O.	0 3 21	0 3 23	0 6 22	0 3 15	0 3 29	0 1 12	0 1 15	0 1 10
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 9	0 0 26	...	...
Gya	O.	1 2 15	...	3 2 11	0 7 17	0 3 12	0 2 2	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 23	0 1 7	...	...
Hooghly	O.	0 10 5	0 8 21	0 4 26	0 2 16	0 3 0	0 1 17	0 1 4	0 1 5
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 2	0 0 24	...	...
Jessore	O.	0 4 4	0 5 29	0 4 21	0 2 16	0 2 20	0 1 18	0 0 21	0 0 12
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 28	0 0 20	...	...
Midnapore	O.	0 3 16	...	0 5 12	0 3 21	0 4 7	0 1 24	0 1 1	0 0 25
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 3	0 0 25	...	...
Moorshedabad	O.	0 4 10	0 4 5	0 8 20	0 2 14	0 3 24	0 1 29	0 0 17	0 0 16
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 10	0 1 7	...	...
Mymensingh	O.	0 6 17	0 3 14	0 9 27	0 3 19	0 2 26	0 1 8	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 5	0 0 27	...	...
Noakhally	O.	0 5 12	0 4 4	...	...	0 3 5	0 1 17	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 12	0 0 25	...	...
Nuddea	O.	0 0 22	0 7 3	0 7 26	0 2 11	0 3 22	0 1 21	0 0 24	0 0 18
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 23	0 0 20	...	...
Patna	O.	0 4 25	...	0 9 25	0 5 7	0 3 19	0 2 1	0 1 15	0 0 28
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 0	0 0 20	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	O.	0 11 8	0 11 22	0 11 9	0 4 3	0 4 13	0 1 25	0 0 26	0 0 17
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 7	0 0 26	...	...
Purneah	O.	0 6 0	0 4 12	0 3 18	0 1 24	0 3 7	0 1 18	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 0 27	0 0 25	0 1 17	0 1 7	...	...
Rajshahye	O.	0 3 7	0 5 22	0 8 19	0 2 26	0 3 20	0 1 16	0 1 1	0 0 28
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 7	0 1 1	...	...
Rungpore	O.	...	0 1 18	0 5 28	0 2 7	0 3 28	0 1 24	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 6	0 1 0	...	...
Sarun	O.	0 1 13	0 4 13	0 9 19	0 5 0	0 4 9	0 2 5	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 14	0 1 1	...	...
Shahabad	O.	...	...	0 10 25	0 5 6	0 4 3	0 2 6	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 28	0 0 28	...	...
Tipperah	O.	0 3 9	...	0 5 29	0 1 25	0 4 8	0 1 27	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 12	0 1 2	...	...
Tirhoot	O.	...	...	0 7 6	0 3 9	0 4 4	0 2 10	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 0	0 0 24	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	O.	0 5 9	0 6 11	0 9 16	0 5 18	0 3 21	0 1 24	0 0 24	0 0 15
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 8	0 0 28	...	...
Chota Nagpore	...	0 7 22	...	0 9 0	0 3 19	0 2 10	0 1 7	...	...
General average	O.	0 4 6	0 5 4	0 10 21	0 3 28	0 3 17	0 1 22	0 0 28	0 0 22
	S.	...	...	0 0 27	0 0 25	0 1 8	0 0 28	...	...

* O. indicates suits disposed of under the procedure generally applicable in the Regular Civil Courts; S. those disposed of under Small Cause Court powers.

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Total Receipts and Charges of Civil Courts, 1882.

Districts.	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.	Deficit.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	3,58,883	1,55,111	2,03,772	...
Beerbhoom	1,06,576	83,748	22,828	...
Bhagulpore	2,89,364	1,14,107	1,75,257	...
Burdwan	1,95,907	1,14,817	81,090	...
Bankura	1,15,151	71,812	43,339	...
Chittagong	2,01,134	1,44,114	57,020	...
Cuttack	1,34,144	80,673	53,471	...
Dacca	3,68,925	1,59,355	2,09,570	...
Dinagepore	1,45,134	92,412	52,722	...
Furreedpore	2,12,429	1,05,780	1,06,649	...
Gya	1,64,963	72,992	91,971	...
Hooghly	3,10,222	1,52,779	1,57,443	...
Jessore	3,99,374	1,73,620	2,25,754	...
Midnapore	2,56,499	1,23,803	1,32,696	...
Moorshedabad	1,64,335	1,11,000	53,335	...
Mymensing	3,97,269	1,35,470	2,61,799	...
Noakhally	1,74,778	80,987	93,791	...
Nuddea	2,59,989	1,56,273	1,03,716	...
Patna	1,86,185	1,04,731	81,454	...
Pubna and Bogra	1,69,366	77,104	92,262	...
Purneah	1,46,668	72,578	74,090	...
Rajshahye	1,62,665	84,087	78,578	...
Rungpore	1,98,895	1,22,595	76,300	...
Sarun	1,94,489	95,207	99,282	...
Shahabad	1,72,346	99,266	73,080	...
Tipperah	2,93,159	1,47,404	1,45,755	...
Tirhoot	2,83,543	1,06,743	1,76,800	...
24-Pergunnahs	4,33,352	2,15,343	2,18,009	...
Chota Nagpore	1,17,189	1,42,155	...	24,966
Total	66,12,933	33,96,066	32,16,867	...
Calcutta	9,62,340	12,08,713	...	2,46,373
GRAND TOTAL	75,75,273	46,04,779	29,70,494	...

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Details of the Receipts and Charges of the several classes of Civil Courts.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS.						CHARGES.						
	In Court-fee Stamps.		In Cash or Special Stamps.			Total.	Share of Officer's salary debitable to Civil Justice.	Establishment.			Contingencies.		Total.
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Other receipts credited to Government			Process servers.	Salaried copying and comparing Clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists, not on the paid establishment.	Contingencies and refunds.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	1,02,883	2,35,401	462	16,148	3,989	3,58,883	58,907	28,442	1,063	49,434	8,073	9,192	1,55,111
Beerbhoom	30,609	66,059	118	4,420	5,370	1,06,576	44,663	18,440	597	16,215	2,208	1,625	83,748
Bhagulpore	63,051	2,04,877	88	13,531	7,817	2,89,364	53,935	23,285	466	26,435	6,762	3,224	1,14,107
Burdwan	56,540	1,26,770	95	10,214	2,288	1,95,907	57,554	20,099	878	25,769	5,196	5,321	1,14,817
Bankura	37,371	67,902	237	7,755	1,886	1,15,151	34,405	15,857	448	14,575	3,892	2,635	71,812
Chittagong	61,047	1,20,888	408	16,004	2,787	2,01,134	67,019	34,594	829	28,282	7,899	5,491	1,44,114
Cuttack	34,150	91,293	550	6,114	2,047	1,34,144	40,489	14,350	284	19,283	3,017	3,250	80,673
Dacca	1,10,673	2,29,629	179	24,043	4,401	3,68,925	74,983	26,640	832	35,489	12,090	9,321	1,59,355
Dinagepore	40,068	98,893	376	3,896	1,901	1,45,134	49,867	17,012	240	19,218	1,945	4,130	92,412
Furreedpore	67,001	1,31,113	469	12,361	1,485	2,12,429	48,894	22,305	408	23,718	6,182	4,273	1,05,780
Gya	25,944	1,29,946	110	6,089	2,874	1,64,963	38,202	13,236	560	14,598	3,045	3,351	72,992
Hooghly	89,289	2,01,878	223	16,380	2,452	3,10,222	76,654	23,720	767	36,121	8,190	7,327	1,52,779
Jessore	1,31,114	2,48,366	241	17,717	1,936	3,99,374	83,595	34,748	762	39,243	8,857	6,415	1,73,620
Midnapore	67,850	1,69,343	263	16,325	2,718	2,56,499	56,672	24,519	2,623	27,091	8,172	4,726	1,23,803
Moorshedabad	45,768	1,09,607	98	6,479	2,383	1,64,335	49,391	21,932	552	25,247	3,975	9,903	1,11,000
Mymensingh	1,25,833	2,51,209	848	15,814	3,565	3,97,269	56,539	29,973	687	34,447	7,907	5,917	1,35,470
Noakhally	55,672	98,902	273	9,908	10,023	1,74,778	37,139	16,302	1,069	17,592	4,954	3,931	80,987
Nuddea	87,517	1,62,314	101	9,504	553	2,59,989	80,985	25,620	779	39,315	4,742	4,832	1,56,273
Patna	34,932	1,43,300	266	7,200	487	1,86,185	56,122	21,252	555	20,336	3,594	2,872	1,04,731
Pubna and Bogra	48,722	1,09,486	63	8,520	2,575	1,69,366	34,600	15,270	416	18,750	4,261	3,807	77,104
Purneah	31,436	1,06,239	307	5,242	3,444	1,46,668	41,950	10,734	470	15,264	2,615	1,545	72,578
Rajshahye	43,779	1,01,897	410	8,009	8,570	1,62,665	40,922	14,402	337	20,383	4,001	4,042	84,087
Rungpore	66,503	1,19,092	637	9,104	2,959	1,98,895	59,160	22,501	481	29,293	4,536	6,624	1,22,595
Sarun	42,485	1,39,367	141	10,085	2,411	1,94,489	47,619	18,068	450	21,604	5,042	2,424	95,207
Shahabad	37,501	1,24,806	84	9,692	263	1,72,346	54,060	18,493	429	18,702	4,846	2,736	99,266
Tipperah	88,455	1,83,817	572	17,834	2,481	2,93,159	69,343	30,155	879	32,436	8,917	5,674	1,47,404
Tirhoot	60,868	2,00,310	2,249	16,329	3,787	2,83,543	54,025	22,588	769	19,417	7,794	2,150	1,06,743
24-Pergunnahs	1,09,031	2,91,930	621	24,072	7,698	4,33,352	1,21,316	30,042	1,882	43,137	11,386	7,580	2,15,343
Chota Nagpore	26,851	83,824	503	4,795	1,216	1,17,189	82,701	19,456	535	33,940	2,641	2,882	1,42,155
Total for Courts in Interior — Small Cause Courts	1,50,894	3,06,798	218	4,307	1,885	4,64,102	1,15,075	35,633	46	63,243	2,080	9,844	2,25,921
Total for Courts in Interior — Munsifs	13,97,422	26,58,343	8,286	1,67,258	31,013	42,62,322	7,51,666	3,66,480	8,288	3,31,605	82,972	53,117	15,94,128
Total for Courts in Interior — Subordinate Judges	1,83,235	7,83,340	1,711	4,740	6,900	9,79,926	3,50,865	22,771	474	78,002	1,521	9,772	4,63,405
Total for Courts in Interior — Judges and Additional Judges	91,392	6,00,567	777	1,57,279	56,568	9,06,583	4,54,105	2,09,151	12,239	2,92,484	80,166	64,467	11,12,612
Total	18,22,943	43,49,048	10,992	3,33,584	96,366	66,12,933	16,71,711	6,34,035	21,047	7,65,334	1,66,739	1,37,200	33,96,066
Total for Courts at the Presidency — Presidency Small Cause Court	2,74,192	322	78	..	2,518	2,77,110	75,806	6,035	..	77,835	...	50,734	2,10,110
Total for Courts at the Presidency — High Court, Appellate side		1,95,079	...	.	24,209	2,19,288	4,46,766	...	...	2,22,535	...	35,023	7,04,324
Total for Courts at the Presidency — High Court, Original side	...	4,14,277	130	..	51,535	4,65,942	1,11,000	...	...	1,69,930	...	13,049	2,93,979
Total	2,74,192	6,09,678	208	...	78,262	9,62,340	6,33,572	6,035	...	4,70,300	...	98,806	12,08,713
Grand Total	20,97,135	49,58,726	11,200	3,33,584	1,74,628	75,75,273	23,05,283	6,40,070	21,047	12,35,634	1,66,739	2,36,006	46,04,779

T.

Statement showing the number of Probates, Letters of Administration, and Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860, granted in Bengal during the year 1882, and the amount of duty realized thereon.

Scale of value.	Court.	Number of Probates or Letters of Administration with Will annexed.	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Letters of Administration (as in the case of intestacy).	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860.	Amount of Court fees paid.
			Rs.		Rr.		Rs.
Not exceeding 1,000	High Court	9	...	5	...	...	...
	District Court	251	...	11	...	1,260	...
Above 1,000 up to 5,000	High Court	26	1,388	62	3,019	...	...
	District Court	153	7,951	8	408	238	11,813
Above 5,000 up to 10,000	High Court	23	3,049	26	3,674	...	...
	District Court	32	4,674	4	530	34	5,102
Above 10,000 up to 50,000	High Court	50	20,786	25	11,551	...	...
	District Court	40	17,390	...	...	31	12,323
Above 50,000 up to 1,00,000	High Court	16	22,494	1	1,974	...	...
	District Court	8	12,182	...	...	2	2,836
Above 1,00,000	High Court	18	1,40,025	1	17,691	...	...
	District Court	3	11,858	...	...	2	6,000
Total	High Court	142	1,87,742	120	37,909	...	...
	District Court	487	54,055	23	938	1,567	38,074
Total Dutiable	All Courts	369	2,41,797	127	38,847	307	38,074
Total Not dutiable	All Courts	260	...	16	...	1,260	...
GRAND TOTAL		629	2,41,797	143	38,847	1,567	38,074

U.

Receipts and Disbursements on account of Ameens, 1882-83.

Districts.	Permanent Ameens.		Temporary Ameens.		Fees paid for the employment of Munsifs as Commissioners.	Number of Permanent Ameens with Grade.	
	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Receipts.	Disbursements.		1st Grade.	2nd Grade.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
Backergunge . . .	2,133	2,090	...	...	...	1	2
Beerbhoom	441	600	150	79	10	...	1
Bhagulpore	1,710	1,440	...	...	...	1	1
Bardwan	716	1,100	...	...	30	...	2
Bankura	717	506	747	589	10	...	1
Chittagong	599	940	...	...	...	1	...
Cuttack	822	840	...	...	10	1	...
Dacca	2,733	1,436	414	377	79	1	1
Dinagepore	583	582	287	266	...	...	1
Furreedpore	885	946	...	...	...	1	...
Gya	477	600	...	...	...	...	1
Hooghly	834	600	...	...	16	...	1
Jessore	1,762	1,440	...	503	290	1	1
Midnapore	802	600	...	...	50	...	1
Moorshedabad . . .	788	840	...	...	...	1	...
Mymensingh . . .	3,445	2,002	...	...	126	1	2
Noakhally	1,008	592	534	248	10	...	1
Nuddea	372	600	136	16	150	...	1
Patna	890	600	...	...	...	...	1
Pubna and Bogra . . .	762	817	1,266	835	60	1	...
Purneah	729	600	3	3	...	...	1
Rajshahye	1,631	1,200	986	475	40	...	2
Rungpore	1,887	2,071	6	6	...	1	2
Sarun	1,001	840	...	...	...	1	...
Shahabad	845	1,228	...	...	...	...	2
Tipperah	753	600	...	...	28	...	1
Tirhoot	2,456	2,247	...	...	...	...	4
24-Pergunnahs . . .	1,080	934	939	834	...	1	1
Chota Nagpore . . .	2,608	1,800	130	107	...	...	3
Add 10 per cent. on account of pension . . .	...	3,069	...	...	...	...	...
Total . .	35,469	33,760	5,598	4,338	909	13	34

V.

Statistics of Local Enquiries, 1882.

Bengal.

Scale of value.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Average value.	Aggregate cost of local enquiry only.	Average cost of local enquiry.	Average time occupied in enquiry.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Days.
Cases not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	38	146	4	701	18	3
Ditto „ 20 ...	178	2,317	13	3,318	19	3
Ditto „ 50 ...	269	9,306	35	5,484	20	4
Ditto „ 100 ...	235	17,138	73	5,246	22	4
Ditto „ 500 ...	420	94,882	225	14,829	35	8
Ditto „ 1,000 ...	78	58,220	746	2,774	35	8
Cases exceeding „ 1,000 ...	211	11,82,965	5,606	13,853	65	15
Total . .	1,429	13,64,974	955·1	46,205	32	...

W.

Number of Applications for a declaration of Insolvency instituted, disposed of, and pending in the past as compared with the previous year.

Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Backergunge	10	24	13	14	1	11
Beerbhoom	8	5	7	7	2	...
Bhagulpore	9	20	8	21	1	...
Burdwan	10	19	11	11	...	8
Bankura	7	5	8	4	1	2
Chittagong	9	12	8	11	4	5
Cuttack	4	6	4	6	1	1
Dacca	21	29	22	31	4	2
Dinagepore	7	10	8	11	1	...
Furreedpore	4	4	3	5	2	1
Gya	13	3	13	2	...	1
Hooghly	22	49	16	31	19	7
Jessore	11	3	9	4	2	1
Midnapore	18	9	19	10	1	...
Moorshedabad	12	14	12	13	3	4
Mymensingh	10	7	7	10	4	1
Noakhally	9	13	8	12	1	2
Nuddea	10	10	7	11	4	3
Patna	26	8	30	9	4	3
Pubna and Bogra	8	11	4	9	5	7
Purneah	2	5	3	5	...	...
Rajshahye	5	3	4	3	1	1
Rungpore	5	9	6	10	1	...
Sarun	8	5	8	4	1	2
Shahabad	4	2	4	2	...	...
Tipperah	10	24	10	23	2	3
Tirhoot	16	14	14	12	4	6
24-Pergunnahs	35	45	30	54	12	3
Chota Nagpore	6	2	2	5	4	1
Total	319	370	298	380	85	75

W 1.

Number of Persons declared to be Insolvents, and of those who obtained their discharge during the past as compared with the previous year.

Districts.	Declared to be Insolvents.		Discharged.		Pending.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Backergunge	5	3	5	3	...	...
Beerbhoom	4	2	4	2	...	...
Bhagulpore	4	12	4	11	...	1
Burdwan	2	1	2	1	...	...
Bankura	5	1	5	1	...	...
Chittagong	3	3	3	3	...	...
Cuttack	1	1	1	1	...	...
Dacca	7	8	7	8	...	...
Dinagepore	2	4	1	5	1	...
Furreedpore	1	4	1	4	...	...
Gya	2	2	2	2	...	...
Hooghly	6	19	6	19	...	...
Jessore	7	3	7	3	...	...
Midnapore	1	5	1	5	...	...
Moorshedabad	3	3	3	3	...	...
Mymensingh	4	2	4	2	...	...
Noakhally	4	1	4	1	...	...
Nuddea	4	3	4	3	...	...
Patna	11	1	11	1	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	1	1	1	1	...	...
Purneah	2	2	2	2	...	...
Rajshahye	1	1	1	1	...	...
Rungpore	1	3	1	3	...	...
Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	1	1	1	1	...	...
Tipperah	6	15	6	12	...	3
Tirhoot	7	4	6	5	1	...
24-Pergunnahs	19	12	17	11	2	1
Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	114	117	110	114	4	5

W 2.

Realizations and Disbursements by Receivers appointed under Section 351 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Districts.	Realized.		Disbursed.		Balance.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bankura	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	113	...	113	...	...	...
Cuttack	26	...	...	26	26	...
Dacca	...	...	...	107	107	...
Dinagepore	151	150	151	150	...	...
Furreedpore	11	189	...	...	41	230
Gya	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jessore	...	21	...	...	...	21
Midnapore	...	957	...	953	...	4
Moorshedabad	1,952	...	1,952	...	...	...
Mymensingh	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noakhally	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	...	...	40	...	...	...
Patna	12	...	12	...	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	26	9	1,320	95	91	5
Rajshahye	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot	5	235	...	240	5	...
24-Pergunnahs	527	...	3	...	32	32
Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	2,823	1,561	3,591	1,571	302	292

X.

BUSINESS DISPOSED OF IN THE HIGH COURT DURING THE YEAR 1882.

(APPELLATE JURISDICTION.)

Lower Provinces of Bengal, Assam and British Burmah.

NATURE OF APPEALS.			Remaining at the close of 1881.	Brought before the Court in 1882.	Disposed of in 1882.	Remaining at the close of 1882.	REMARKS.
FIRST APPEALS	From Original Decrees	of the Courts in the interior	554a	3495	417c	486d	a. Of these 33 are Will cases.
		of the High Court	29	34	37	26	b. Of these 39 are Will cases.
	From Original Orders	of the Courts in the interior	96	232	204	124	c. Of these 24 are Will cases.
		of the High Court	...	...	...	...	d. Of these 48 are Will cases.
SECOND APPEALS	From Appellate Decrees	of the High Court	...	2	...	2	
		of the Courts in the interior	3,100	2,817	3,285	2,632	
	From Appellate Orders	of the High Court	...	...	...	...	
		of the Courts in the interior	46	164	155	55	
THIRD APPEALS	From Appellate Decrees in the High Court	of two Judges hearing Second Appeals	...	...	...	...	
		of one Judge hearing Second Appeals	17	97	109	5	
REFERENCES TO FULL BENCH	In First Appeals	from Original Decrees	2	1	2	1	
		from Original Orders	1	1	1	1	
	In Second Appeals	from Appellate Decrees	1	12	4	9	
		from Appellate Orders	...	...	...	...	
APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW	In First Appeals	from Original Decrees	...	10	10	...	
		from Original Orders	...	2	2	...	
	In Second Appeals	from Appellate Decrees	...	32	32	...	
		from Appellate Orders	...	2	2	...	
REFERENCES	Under Section 617, Act X of 1877		4	22	24	2	
	Under Section 46, Act I of 1879 (Stamp Act)		...	1	1	...	
	Under Section 12 of the Legal Practitioners' Act		2	4	6	...	
	Under Section 23 of Act X of 1877		1	3	3	1	
Divorce Cases			2	3	4	1	
Miscellaneous Orders in Court			124	1,696	1,666	154	
		TOTAL	3,979	5,484	5,964	3,499	
CRIMINAL.							
CRIMINAL CASES	Appeals		50	729	726	53	
	REFERENCES UNDER (a)	Section 186, Act X of 1872	...	1	1	...	
		Ditto 263, ditto	1	18	16	3	
		Ditto 287, ditto	7	53	53	7	
	Revisions (b)		38	557	575	20	
	Full Bench References		2	...	2	...	
	Miscellaneous Orders in Court		2	31	32	1	
		TOTAL	100	1,389	1,405	84	
		GRAND TOTAL	4,079	6,873	7,369	3,583	

DAYS OF SITTINGS WITH NUMBER OF JUDGES.			
Days.	Barrister Judges.	Civilian Judges.	Other Judges.
22	3	7	2
1	3	7	1
3	3	6	2
7	3	5	1
2	3	4	1
18	2	7	2
17	2	6	2
11	2	5	2
23	2	5	1
1	2	4	2
4	2	4	1
1	2	4	...
1	2	3	2
1	2	3	1
31	1	7	1
1	1	7	1
19	1	6	2
2	1	6	1
7	1	5	2
9	1	5	1
6	1	4	1
1	1	3	2
1	1	3	1
2	1	2	1
41	1	1	...
2	...	6	2
1	...	3	1
3	...	1	1
2	...	2	...
1	...	1	...
241	44	132	37

(a) Besides the cases entered against this heading, there was one reference under Section 240 of Act IV of 1877 received during the year from the Presidency Magistrate and disposed of.

(b) Includes cases transferred to the file of the High Court under Section 147 of Act X of 1875 from the file of the Presidency Magistrate.

NOTE.—Besides the above, 528 orders were passed out of Court on review of periodical returns (Civil and Criminal) and sessions statements. Numerous and important orders, occupying much of the time of the Judges, were also passed on letters and references in the Administrative Department.

Y.

Appeals, &c., instituted in the High Court in the year 1882.

(Showing Divisions and Districts.)

Divisions.	Districts.	Instituted in 1882.					
		Appeals from Decrees.				Appeals from Orders.	
		First Appeals.		Second Appeals.			
		Rs. 10,000 and upwards.	Below Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 50 in value.	Not exceeding Rs. 50 in value.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.
Central Division—							
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	1	16	53	40	15	5
	Nuddea	1	4	57	22	4	1
	Jessore	...	7	55	31	4	2
	Moorshedabad	...	2	9	3	4	3
	Calcutta	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	2	29	174	96	27	11
Burdwan	Bankura	...	5	47	16	2	4
	Burdwan	4	3	45	25	3	...
	Beerbhoom	...	4	10	9	5	1
	Midnapore	2	8	62	144	5	3
	Hooghly	3	14	85	78	11	4
	Total	9	34	249	272	26	12
British Burmah, Recorder	Rangoon	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Moulmein	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	1	...	...	...	...
Western Division—							
Patna	Patna	3	22	60	54	12	4
	Gya	1	18	93	11	13	6
	Shahabad	4	12	163	76	11	18
	Sarun	3	17	92	90	7	3
	Tirhoot	12	41	191	106	12	54
	Total	23	110	599	337	55	85
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	6	20	68	58	7	7
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	...	...	1	...	2	1
	Purnea	1	3	27	11	...	
	Total	7	23	96	69	9	8
Chota Nagpore	Chota Nagpore	7	2	46	13	6	7
Cuttack	Cuttack	3	6	15	6	...	1
	Total	10	8	61	19	6	8
Eastern Division—							
Dacca	Dacca	...	8	86	94	9	10
	Furreedpore	1	7	31	15	13	8
	Backergunge	1	6	21	16	9	4
	Mymensingh	1	12	72	36	9	5
	Tipperah	...	2	49	55	20	3
	Noakhally	...	8	15	12	3	...
	Total	3	43	274	228	63	30
Rajshahye	Dinagepore	...	...	5	6	1	1
	Rajshahye	1	4	22	3	7	...
	Rungpore	1	4	44	20	9	1
	Pubna and Bogra	...	9	26	25	11	3
	Total	2	17	97	54	28	5
Chittagong	Chittagong	1	1	43	35	6	2
	Grand Total for L. Provinces	57	266	1,593	1,110	220	161
Assam	Assam Valley Districts	1	3	12	3	3	...
	Sylhet	...	1	42	26	7	2
	Cachar	...	2	1	2	...	...
	Grand Total for Assam	1	6	55	31	10	2

Z.

Result of Appeals in the High Court during the year 1882.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.			Appeals summarily rejected under Section 551, Act X of 1877.	Total.
						Dismissed on default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.		
LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL.										
Appeals from Original Decrees.	District Judge	38	9	2	9	12	4	3	...	77
	Subordinate Judge	157	61	54	8	31	1	13	...	325
Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	District Judge	994	124	45	240	27	20	25	111	1,586
	Subordinate Judge	873	97	31	229	22	8	3	201	1,464
Appeals from Orders.	District Judge	112	36	10	24	4	3	4	27	220
	Subordinate Judge	72	29	...	11	1	1	3	12	129
ASSAM.										
Appeals From Original Decrees.	District Judge	4	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	6
	Subordinate Judge	4	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	9
Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	District Judge	61	4	1	6	1	...	...	...	73
	Subordinate Judge	132	5	4	14	4	3	...	...	162
Appeals from Orders.	District Judge	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
	Subordinate Judge	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

Annual Statement 1—(Civil).

Statement shewing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising jurisdiction in Civil Cases in the last year, the work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Courts during 1882.

Districts.	Area.	Population.	Number of District Judgeships.	Number of Munsifs.	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS EXERCISING JURISDICTION IN CIVIL CASES.												Number of Civil Cases originally decided.						Total number of Miscellaneous Cases decided.	Number of Civil Appeals decided.				Total number of Miscellaneous Cases before Appellate Courts decided.	Total receipts of Civil Courts.	Total charges of Civil Courts.
					Officers exercising both Original and Appellate Jurisdiction.								Officers exercising Original Jurisdiction only.																
					Judges of the High Court.		District and Additional Judges.		Subordinate Judges.				Small Cause Court Judges with powers of a Subordinate Judge.		Small Cause Court Judges only.		Munsifs.												
									Subordinate Judges only.		Subordinate Judges with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge.																		
					European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.*	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.†	Native.	By the High Court.	By District and Additional Judges.	By Small Cause Court Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	By Munsifs.	Total.		By the High Court.	By District Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	Total.			
																													Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	3,649	1,900,889	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	12	...	4	671	201	22,644	23,520	2,105	...	87	567	654	96	3,59,883	1,55,171
Beerbhoom	1,756	794,428	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	29	...	69	5,410	5,508	520	...	149	130	279	27	1,06,576	83,748
Bhagulpore	8,189	3,935,932	1	6	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	7	...	1	5,184	268	9,467	14,920	1,223	...	281	587	868	52	2,89,364	1,14,107
Burdwan	2,697	1,391,823	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	...	21	...	114	13,439	13,574	1,483	...	128	507	635	39	1,95,907	1,14,817
Bankura	2,621	1,041,752	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6‡	...	27	...	13	6,590	6,630	555	...	334	245	579	29	1,15,151	71,812
Chittagong	2,567	1,132,341	1	9	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	11	...	75	12,375	12,461	1,274	...	34	1,074	1,108	145	2,01,134	1,44,114
Cuttack	8,205	3,571,932	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	2,157	58	9,325	11,540	722	...	65	15	80	8	1,34,144	80,673
Dacca	2,797	2,116,350	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	10	...	32	6,486	211	20,247	26,976	1,618	...	336	561	897	116	3,68,925	1,59,355
Dinagepore	5,284	1,669,525	1	8	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	7	...	2	1,095	141	9,434	10,672	500	...	163	9	172	4	1,45,134	92,412
Furreedpore	2,267	1,631,734	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	9	...	5	1,172	60	16,132	17,369	868	...	192	214	406	53	2,12,429	1,05,780
Gya	4,712	2,124,682	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	292	2,396	2,690	473	...	194	233	427	40	1,64,963	72,992
Hooghly	1,699	1,648,149	1	7	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	10	...	47	6,233	174	14,915	21,269	2,484	...	256	875	1,131	63	3,10,222	1,58,779

Jessore	4,353	2,657,197	1	7	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	12	...	26	8,930	77	22,244	31,267	2,577	..	271	505	776	121	3,99,374	1,73,620
Midnapore	5,082	2,517,802	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	10	...	6	676	164	17,177	18,023	1,996	...	806	656	1,462	66	2,56,499	1,23,806
Moorshedabad	2,144	1,226,790	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	7	...	9	360	121	12,629	13,119	860	...	182	109	291	17	1,64,335	1,11,000
Mymensingh	6,287	3,051,966	1	10	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	7	...	144	21,969	22,120	1,129	...	312	917	1,229	63	3,97,269	1,35,470
Mokhally	1,641	820,772	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	41	...	...	11,242	11,283	673	...	465	...	465	14	1,74,778	80,987
Nuddea	3,404	2,017,847	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	8	...	14	11,274	101	8,330	19,719	1,994	...	253	260	513	46	2,59,989	1,56,273
Patna	2,079	1,756,856	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	4	...	16	1,430	251	3,139	4,835	1,398	...	437	106	543	61	1,96,185	1,04,731
Pubna	3,345	2,046,086	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	5	...	4	2,163	88	7,651	9,906	766	...	14	279	293	33	1,69,366	77,104
Purneah	4,956	1,848,687	1	4	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	665	8,138	8,908	625	...	309	...	309	19	1,46,668	72,578
Rajshahye	4,252	2,049,086	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	3	762	98	9,457	10,320	651	...	317	82	399	33	1,62,665	84,087
Rungpore	6,438	2,679,526	1	5	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	10	...	1	...	70	13,834	13,905	788	...	230	341	571	23	1,98,895	1,22,595
Sarun	6,153	4,001,990	1	3	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	...	3	...	308	5,616	5,927	1,167	...	199	616	815	54	1,94,499	95,207
Shahabad	4,365	1,964,909	1	3	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	...	...	180	7,407	7,587	916	...	975	278	1,753	83	1,72,346	99,268
Tipperah	2,491	1,519,338	1	7	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	1	...	123	22,000	23,124	1,147	...	274	1,210	1,484	144	2,93,159	1,47,404
Tirhoot	6,338	5,215,507	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	...	...	...	426	6,995	7,421	1,114	...	1,195	1,363	2,558	204	2,83,543	1,06,743
24-Pergunnahs	2,120	1,869,859	1	6	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	15	...	38	5,773	277	23,259	29,347	3,003	...	637	432	1,069	115	4,33,352	2,15,343
Chota Nagpore	26,966	4,225,989	1	10	...	...	1	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	...	1	...	174	4,224	4,399	518	...	215	361	566	62	1,17,189	1,42,158
TOTAL	138,857	64,429,744	29	155	...	...	29	1	10	35	1	1	3	10	4	4	16	231	...	356	54,356	4,943	347,584	407,239	35,167	...	9,310	13,027	22,337	1,629	66,12,933	33,96,066
alcutta	8	433,219	...	...	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	596	...	29,329	...	...	29,925	368	3,596	...	...	3,596	349	9,83,349	12,08,713
GRAND TOTAL	138,865	64,862,963	29	155	11	1	29	1	10	35	1	1	3	10	8	5	16	231	596	356	83,685	4,943	347,584	437,164	35,535	3,596	9,310	13,027	25,933	2,178	75,75,273	46,04,779

* The Officers shewn in this column are Deputy Commissioners and members of the Civil Service, who are invested with the original powers of Subordinate Judges.
† The Officers shewn in this column are members of the Civil Service who are invested with the powers of Munsifs and Assistant Commissioners.
‡ Including one Native Civilian Munsif.

Annual Statement 2—(Civil).

Statement shewing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1882.

Suits for money or movable property.

Class of Tribunals.	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work, and materials.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Movable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Other suits for money or movables not already mentioned.	Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.											
I.—Civil Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	64,593	5,264	4,595	1,380	1,763	575	1,002	2,446	2,552	1,459	85,609
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	40,357	6,447	5,439	2,301	3,992	845	2,292	2,548	1,328	1,357	67,404
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	26,607	6,145	3,080	673	8,350	1,230	3,116	1,374	1,716	1,580	53,271
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	213	25	44	10	6	3	1	8	15	6	331
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	834	37	106	43	14	7	13	30	34	35	1,153
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	481	40	19	...	...	2	2	21	4	4	573
Chief Courts of Districts	14	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	21
Total	133,099	17,962	13,284	4,296	14,124	2,662	6,426	6,427	5,650	4,442	208,362
II.—Revenue Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts:—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	133,099	17,962	13,284	4,296	14,124	2,662	6,426	6,427	5,650	4,442	208,362
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.											
Presidency Small Cause Court	4,436	3,079	786	563	11,219	4,073	2,946	394	526	1,540	29,553
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	186	...	16	51	64	17	5	...	45	7	391
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	4,611	3,079	802	614	11,283	4,090	2,951	394	571	1,547	29,944

Suits under the Rent Law.

Class of Tribunals.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts, or on account of illegal restraint, or other cause.	For pottahs or kabulyuts.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.									
I.—Civil Courts.									
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	154,955	1,271	282	278	96	753	969	414	159,018
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	140	1	...	...	...	...	8	6	155
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	547	19	...	...	...	7	51	4	628
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	26	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	29
Total	155,668	1,292	282	278	96	760	1,030	424	159,830
II.—Revenue Courts.									
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	6,798	16	212	71	27	142	25	56	7,347
District Courts:—Collectors	2,677	38	41	10	77	33	1	4	2,881
Total	9,475	54	253	81	104	175	26	60	10,228
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	165,143	1,346	535	359	200	935	1,056	484	170,058
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.									
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Title and other suits.

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts, or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	GRAND TOTAL.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				
I.—Civil Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	20,096	588	3,988	5,992	676	262	27	417	30	489	463	1	8	...	12	2	...	616	33,667	278,294
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67,404
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53,271
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	222	17	2	156	4	17	...	8	...	1	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	460	946
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	649	39	22	376	22	29	2	29	1	6	41	...	...	1	2	...	...	33	1,252	3,033
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	573
Chief Courts of Districts	21	1	...	8	1	6	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	101	145	14	306	356
Total	20,988	645	4,012	6,532	703	314	33	455	33	496	516	1	8	3	14	103	145	684	35,685	403,877
II.—Revenue Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,347
District Courts:—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,981
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,228
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	20,988	645	4,012	6,532	703	314	33	455	33	496	516	1	8	3	14	103	145	684	35,685	414,105
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																				
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29,553
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	7	1	6	34	31	66	2	1	...	...	16	...	...	4	...	14	11	17	210	601
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	8	8
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
Total	7	1	6	34	31	66	2	1	4	...	16	3	...	4	...	14	19	17	225	30,169

Annual Statement 3—(Civil).

Statement shewing number and value of Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1882.

Class of Courts.	Number of Suits instituted in the different Courts.																		Total value of Suits.
	Value not exceeding Rs. 10.			Value not exceeding Rs. 50.			Value not exceeding Rs. 100.			Value not exceeding Rs. 500.			Value not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Value not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Value not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Value not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Value exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	The value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total.	
	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent law.	Title and other suits.								Rs.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				
I—Civil Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	4,270	51,613	4,984	28,906	74,575	13,944	29,166	18,974	6,278	20,981	12,595	6,912	4,626	...	...	...	...	470	278,294	1,84,63,732
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	13,025	...	...	54,378	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67,404	16,04,816
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	9,140	...	...	27,059	...	...	9,898	...	...	7,174	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53,271	28,91,626
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	...	—	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	...	—	...	780	100	59	7	...	946	72,30,414
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure	...	...	...	5	...	...	8	...	1	3	...	7	1	2,486	295	197	13	17	3,033	2,51,69,624
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers	32	...	...	541	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	573	13,654
Chief Courts of Districts	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	17	3	...	87	57	122	19	10	1	36	356	10,45,230
Total	26,467	51,613	4,984	1,10,889	74,575	13,948	39,073	18,974	6,296	28,161	12,595	7,006	4,684	3,388	414	266	21	523	403,877	5,64,19,096
II.—Revenue Courts.																				
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	2,777	...	...	3,113	...	...	741	...	...	618	...	37	19	2	...	...	40	7,347	3,26,025
District Courts :—Collectors	...	643	...	...	1,359	...	...	363	...	...	436	—	40	24	1	...	...	15	2,881	2,19,064
Total	...	3,420	...	...	4,472	...	...	1,104	...	...	1,054	—	77	43	3	...	—	55	10,228	5,45,089
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	26,467	55,033	4,984	1,10,889	79,047	13,948	39,073	20,078	6,296	28,161	13,649	7,006	4,761	3,431	417	266	21	578	414,105	5,69,64,185
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																				
Presidency Small Cause Court	10,776	...	...	12,130	...	...	2,851	...	...	3,050	...	...	612	134	...	...	...	...	29,553	18,28,343
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	1	...	...	—	...	...	3	...	4	10	260	59	53	...	211	601	22,08,941
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	—
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	...	8	8	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	...
Total	10,776	...	...	12,131	...	...	2,851	—	—	3,053	...	4	622	394	59	53	...	226	30,169	40,37,284

Annual Statement 4—(Civil).

Statement shewing the general result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1882.

PART I—CIVIL SUITS.

CLASS OF COURTS.	NUMBER OF SUITS BEFORE THE COURTS.							NUMBER OF SUITS DISPOSED OF.												AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS THE SUITS WERE PENDING.	
	Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1882.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562 of Act X of 1877.	Reviews under Section 626.	Revived under Sections 99, 106, 108, or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	WITHOUT TRIAL. Plaint rejected or returned.	WITHOUT TRIAL. Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	WITHOUT TRIAL. Withdrawn with leave.	WITHOUT CONTEST. Compromised.	WITHOUT CONTEST. Decreed on confession.	WITHOUT CONTEST. Decreed *ex parte*.	WITHOUT CONTEST. Dismissed *ex parte*.	ON REFERENCE TO ARBITRATION. For plaintiff.	ON REFERENCE TO ARBITRATION. For defendant.	WITH CONTEST. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	WITH CONTEST. Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of those pending over three months.	Average number of days contested.	Average number of days uncontested.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																							
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under ordinary procedure	43,187	278,294	29,820	816	573	3,118	355,808	30,838	621	25,036	6,881	40,521	24,959	102,744	4,839	726	233	56,070	16,175	278,805	46,165	17,238	107	52
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under Small Cause Court powers	5,899	67,404	1,483	3	94	607	75,490	1,714	63	12,500	781	7,430	6,764	25,460	5,113	74	54	6,613	3,042	67,894	5,882	65	38	28
Covenanted Munsifs	130	...	1,105	1	...	11	1,247	290	1	126	15	137	68	235	6	7	...	187	103	885	72	25	124	61
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	3,025	53,271	485	14	130	842	57,767	207	77	7,418	913	7,000	9,803	17,757	331	100	24	7,804	3,129	54,356	3,204	10	28	22
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	281	946	59	9	1	10	1,306	86	4	18	15	89	84	251	1	3	...	252	100	817	403	280	221	88
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure	1,722	3,033	693	47	13	58	5,566	552	27	116	51	491	221	850	5	20	8	1,229	505	3,523	1,491	1,000	321	118
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers	13	573	...	...	6	5	597	32	2	218	4	66	25	184	1	...	...	50	15	565	...	...	27	25
Covenanted Sub-Judges	14	...	47	...	1	...	62	12	...	...	...	2	1	23	...	1	...	9	2	38	12	11	107	64
Chief Courts of Districts	167	356	109	6	4	5	647	77	9	40	5	44	14	31	...	6	...	132	75	356	214	131	126	154
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Suits for money or movables	22,329	208,362	10,085	151	368	2,412	243,707	10,096	321	31,058	2,270	26,606	27,447	77,230	7,784	386	147	26,625	10,237	210,111	23,500	3,673	61	33
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Ditto under the Rent Law	19,323	159,830	17,539	362	310	1,744	199,108	17,554	290	11,547	4,917	21,934	11,405	66,080	2,277	196	51	35,745	6,260	160,702	20,852	8,320	·95	·51
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Title and other Suits	12,786	35,685	6,177	383	144	500	55,675	6,158	193	2,867	1,478	7,240	3,087	4,225	235	355	121	9,976	6,649	36,426	13,091	6,767	169	96
TOTAL	54,438	403,877	33,801	896	822	4,656	498,490	33,808	804	45,472	8,665	55,780	41,939	147,535	10,296	937	319	72,346	23,146	407,239	57,443	1,876	95	44
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																								
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	1,237	7,347	2,864	7	28	131	11,614	1	...	2,119	228	519	1,060	3,652	44	3	36	2,019	721	10,401	1,212	105	68	46
District Courts :—Collectors	12	2,881	...	...	...	...	2,893	2,863	...	4	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	14	1	24	6	...	452	62
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	55,687	414,105	36,665	903	850	4,787	512,997	36,672	804	47,595	8,893	56,300	42,999	151,191	10,340	940	355	74,379	23,868	417,664	58,661	18,865	95	44
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
Presidency Small Cause Court	1,333	29,553	...	...	...	...	30,886	...	...	2,704	1,641	11,040	1,980	6,161	48	340	116	4,057	1,242	29,329	1,557	228	54	10
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	658	601	...	...	...	...	1,259	...	...	102	46	14	52	187	...	13	...	132	33	579	680	631	283	215
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Admiralty	15	3	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	16	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Testamentary	7	8	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	1	5	10	8	85	1,568
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Matrimonial	12	4	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	14	14	89	78
TOTAL	2,025	30,169	...	...	...	...	32,194	...	...	2,806	1,687	11,055	2,033	6,349	48	353	116	4,192	1,276	29,915	2,279	897	63	14

Annual Statement 4—(Civil)

Statement shewing the general result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1882.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Class of Courts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1882.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of										Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of these pending over three months.	Average number of days the cases were pending.
									Without Trial.			Without Contest.				On reference to arbitration		With Contest.					
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on remand.	Received on review.	Revived.			Applications rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.				
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																						
I.—Civil Courts.																						
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Covenanted Munsifs	...	27	...	...	...	3	30	9	2	2	...	2	3	1	1	...	...	6	4	21	...	...	20
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	3,533	22,959	458	31	55	105	27,141	406	449	3,186	167	908	515	1,680	771	5	5	8,263	6,802	22,751	3,984	847	54
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	188	3,063	1	...	1	4	3,257	...	135	325	12	109	46	155	49	...	1	1,128	1,076	3,036	221	4	23
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	75	485	2	1	1	1	565	...	7	18	6	5	19	2	5	1	...	217	231	511	54	9	48
District Courts other than Chief Courts of District	404	1,791	82	4	4	12	2,297	40	46	197	29	36	48	93	31	3	1	824	629	1,937	320	118	76
Chief Courts of District	1,776	6,541	58	8	22	44	8,449	111	66	667	40	85	26	4,534	174	1	...	782	476	6,911*	1,427	456	82
Total	5,976	34,866	601	44	83	169	41,739	566	705	4,395	254	1,145	657	6,465	1,031	10	7	11,220	9,218	35,167	6,006	1,434	58
II.—Revenue Courts.																						
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	79	400	20	2	...	2	503	...	11	88	...	11	3	41	...	...	1	205	82	442	61	8	35
District Courts:—Collectors	75	179	...	...	...	...	254	20	...	15	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	204	3	223	11	...	53
Total	154	579	20	2	...	2	757	20	11	103	...	12	3	41	...	...	1	409	85	665	72	8	41
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	6,130	35,445	621	46	83	171	42,496	586	716	4,498	254	1,157	660	6,506	1,031	10	8	11,629	9,303	35,832	6,078	1,442	57
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																						
Presidency Small Cause Court	2	371	...	...	...	...	373	...	...	...	..	...	...	344	...	...	...	11	13	368	5	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	2	371	...	...	...	...	373	...	...	...	..	...	...	344	...	...	...	11	13	368	5	...	...

Annual Statement 5—(Civil).

Statement shewing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1882.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1882.	OTHERWISE RECEIVED. Received by transfer from other Courts.	Reviews under Section 626, Act X of 1877.	Remands under Section 562.	Revivals under Sections 558, 560.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551.	Dismissed for default, Sections 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	HEARD *ex parte*. Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	CONTESTED. Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days the appeals were pending.	Objections under Section 561 of Act X of 1877.	REMARKS.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																								
A.—Civil Courts.																								
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District	3,893	115	13,060	90	168	165	17,491	1,045	7	885	219	29	161	29	7,398	1,263	2,578	458	13,027	3,419	2,839	261	415	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	10,947	19,386	491	29	167	82	31,102	12,515	69	949	243	55	88	4	4,927	1,412	1,302	261	9,310	9,277	5,903	245	583	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	
TOTAL OF EACH CLASS FOR CIVIL COURTS — Appeals from decisions in suits for money or movables.	2,105	3,390	2,192	10	12	56	7,765	2,194	15	267	99	10	47	14	2,067	279	721	99	3,618	1,953	1,309	220	96	
TOTAL OF EACH CLASS FOR CIVIL COURTS — In suits under the Rent Law	5,457	9,506	5,440	76	129	59	20,667	5,444	48	848	258	67	148	13	5,008	1,601	1,420	331	9,742	5,481	3,676	202	508	
TOTAL OF EACH CLASS FOR CIVIL COURTS — In title and other suits	7,278	6,605	5,919	33	194	132	20,161	5,922	13	719	105	7	54	6	5,250	795	1,739	289	8,977	5,262	3,757	324	394	
TOTAL OF EACH CLASS FOR CIVIL COURTS — Total	14,840	19,501	13,551	119	335	247	48,593	13,560	76	1,834	462	84	249	33	12,325	2,675	3,880	719	22,337	12,696	8,742	254	998	
B.—Revenue Courts.																								
Collectors' Appellate Courts	93	398	...	...	2	...	493	1	4	25	24	5	2	1	170	51	82	26	390	102	7	68	...	
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	14,933	19,899	13,551	119	337	247	49,086	13,561	80	1,859	486	89	251	34	12,495	2,726	3,962	745	22,727	12,798	8,749	255	998	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																								
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE — From decisions by Courts in the interior.	537	313	10	2	...	17	879	...	...	64	...	...	...	...	195	56	70	17	402	477	423	519	31	
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE — From decisions on the Original Side	29	34	...	...	...	...	63	...	...	6	2	1	...	...	18	6	4	...	37	26	25	149	...	
APPEALS FROM APPELLATE DECREES.																								
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE — From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior.	2,884	2,703	...	9	...	17	5,613	...	312	105	...	...	...	...	1,867	76	221	469	3,050	2,563	1,813	310	76	
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE — From decisions by a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court.	17	99	...	...	...	...	116	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	88	...	10	10	109	7	6	144	...	
TOTAL	3,467	3,149	10	11	...	34	6,671	...	312	176	2	1	...	...	2,168	138	305	496	3,598	3,073	2,267	327	107	

Annual Statement 5—(Civil).

Statement shewing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1882.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES BEFORE APPELLATE COURTS.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1882.	OTHERWISE RECEIVED.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	HEARD ex parte.				CONTESTED.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of those pending more than three months.	Average number of days pending.	Objections under Section 551, Act X of 1877.	REMARKS.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on Review.	Received on Remand.	Revived.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.						
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
FIRST APPEALS.																								
A.—Civil Courts.																								
Chief Appellate Court other than Chief Court of District	73	421	31	...	1	3	529	30	6	43	22	1	19	...	162	1	158	1	413	86	19	88	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	377	1,381	10	2	5	18	1,793	11	78	126	116	7	166	6	605	18	253	41	1,416	366	181	107	3	
Superior Appellate Court other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
TOTAL	450	1,802	41	2	6	21	2,322	41	84	169	138	8	185	6	767	19	411	42	1,829	452	200	103	3	
B.—Revenue Courts.																								
Collectors' Appellate Courts	17	56	...	1	...	...	74	...	9	5	7	...	...	2	24	5	15	1	68	6	2	46	...	
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	467	1,858	41	3	6	21	2,396	41	93	174	145	8	185	8	791	24	426	43	1,897	458	202	101	3	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
FIRST APPEALS.																								
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. From decisions by Courts in the interior	94	220	...	...	...	2	316	...	20	13	...	...	...	...	100	7	38	19	197	119	59	159	...	
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. From decisions on the Original Side	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
TOTAL	94	220	...	...	...	2	316	...	20	13	...	...	...	...	100	7	38	19	197	119	59	159	...	
SECOND APPEALS.																								
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior	45	161	...	...	...	1	207	...	19	3	...	...	...	...	84	3	27	16	152	55	30	128	...	
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. From decisions of a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
TOTAL	45	161	...	...	...	1	207	...	19	3	...	...	...	...	84	3	27	16	152	55	30	128	...	

Annual Statement 6—(Civil).

Statement shewing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the Decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1882.

CLASS OF COURTS.	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH.					APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF.							DETAILS OF ENTRIES IN COLUMN 9.						AMOUNT REALISED.		NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS									
	Pending at the end of 1881.	FILED.		Restored to the file for any cause.	TOTAL.	TRANSFERRED		Wholly or partly satisfied.	Wholly infructuous.	TOTAL.	Pending at the end of 1882.	Of these pending more than three months.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Satisfaction obtained through the Court.	Adjusted under Section 258.	Satisfaction obtained with the issue of process.	Ditto without the issue of process.	With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment	ON WHICH HIS MOVABLE PROPERTY		ON WHICH HIS IMMOVABLE PROPERTY			ON WHICH POSSESSION WAS GIVEN		On which partition was effected, Section 265.	On which execution was otherwise effected.
		The decree being those of the Court where execution is taken out.	The decree being those of other Courts transferred for execution.			To another Court.	To the Collector.																Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under Section 305, 322, or 326.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	On which specific performance was enforced.	Of movables.	Of immovables.		
																			Rs.	Rs.											
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																															
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																															
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Covenanted Munsifs	1	80	...	...	81	26	...	44	10	80	1	...	25	19	31	13	33	11	3,633	768	...	½	6	...	...	...	7	...	...	11	...	4
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	46,316	234,562	8,613	770	290,261	6,361	9	109,322	127,505	243,186	47,075	14,741	67,472	41,850	74,725	34,597	92,247	17,075	54,64,571	9,74,723	1,710	5,063	8,792	4,662	23,389	358	13,985	121	88	6,679	74	7,317
Small Cause Courts	3,149	39,181	95	48	42,473	231	...	11,829	26,978	39,038	3,435	169	5,464	6,365	7,513	4,316	10,624	1,005	3,39,894	63,984	419	1,183	2,897	1,238	...	...	...	188	...	...	...	1,255
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	2,925	9,145	357	29	12,456	387	3	4,231	4,686	9,307	3,149	1,770	2,302	1,929	3,176	1,055	3,788	443	60,83,591	5,66,050	55	53	128	60	1,172	32	772	...	22	269	6	234
Chief Courts of Districts	406	462	395	30	1,295	114	...	428	326	868	427	226	247	181	344	84	374	54	5,97,690	39,712	9	18	17	13	87	2	55	5	4	16	...	51
Total	53,799	283,430	9,460	877	346,566	7,109	11	125,854	159,505	292,479	54,087	16,906	75,510	50,344	85,789	40,065	107,266	18,588	1,24,99,379	16,45,237	2,193	6,318	11,840	5,972	24,648	392	14,699	314	114	7,172	80	8,861
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																															
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	950	3,760	306	185	5,101	...	28	2,203	1,986	4,217	884	131	1,720	483	1,578	625	2,143	60	66,304	2,251	29	77	330	554	136	45	236	439	8	159	...	5
District Courts—Collectors	77	777	29	2	885	...	...	518	222	740	145	...	398	120	385	133	517	1	43,052	67	18	23	45	64	123	...	191	...	...	16	...	...
Total	927	4,537	335	187	5,986	...	28	2,721	2,208	4,957	1,029	131	2,118	603	1,963	758	2,660	61	1,09,356	2,318	47	100	375	618	25	45	427	439	8	175	...	5
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	53,726	287,967	9,795	1,064	352,552	7,109	39	128,575	161,713	297,436	55,116	17,037	77,628	50,947	87,752	40,823	109,926	18,649	1,25,98,735	16,47,555	2,240	6,418	12,215	6,590	24,907	437	15,126	753	122	7,347	80	8,866
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																															
Presidency Small Cause Court	467	14,186	126	...	14,779	273	...	10,264	3,887	14,424	355	...	5,565	4,699	8,684	1,580	4,128	6,136	1,95,540	2,02,254	417	276	624	1,331	...	...	...	...	...	66	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	293	311	20	...	623	91	...	116	96	303	320	290	...	...	...	20	116	...	27	...	21	7	6	12	15	...	26	...	...	6	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Testamentary	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Matrimonial	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	761	14,498	146	...	15,404	365	...	10,380	3,983	14,728	676	291	5,565	4,699	8,684	1,600	4,244	6,136	1,95,567	2,02,254	438	283	630	1,343	15	...	26	...	...	70	...	...

Annual Statement 7—(Civil).

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act X of 1877, in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the year 1882.

Part I.—Shewing the number and result of Applications under Section 344, and the number of Insolvents before the Court.

Class of Courts.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency.															Persons declared to be insolvents.								
	Number of applications dealt with.						Applications disposed of.									Number of Insolvents before the Court.				Disposed of.				
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Filed during the year.			Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	Granted.		Rejected.			Total.	Pending at the close of the year.	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Died.	Discharged.		Remaining at the close of the year.
		By judgment-debtor.		By decree-holders.					A Receiver being appointed.	A Receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate.								Under Section 351.	Under Section 355.	
		Under arrest or imprisonment.	Not under arrest or imprisonment.																					
Courts other than Chief Courts of districts specially empowered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	85	323	47	...	...	455	...	154	15	102	103	6	...	380	75	4	117	...	121	...	...	103	11	5
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	85	323	47	...	...	455	...	154	15	102	103	6	...	380	75	4	117	...	121	...	...	103	11	5

Part II.—Shewing the number of Estates in the hands of Receivers and the progress made in winding up.

Class of Courts.	Number of Insolvents' Estates in the hands of Receivers.				Amount of Creditors' claims dealt with during the year.					Amount of Insolvents' assets realized and outstanding.			
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a Receiver during the year.	Number of Estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realized assets in the hands of Receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realized during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of Receivers at the close of the year.
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	11	11	11	11	53,747	11,484	10,029	11,513	43,689	302	1,561	1,571	292
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	11	11	11	11	53,747	11,484	10,029	11,513	43,689	302	1,561	1,571	292

Annual Statement 8—(Civil).

Statement shewing use of Assessors in the Civil Courts in the Province of Bengal in the year 1882.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed, distinguishing Criminal from Civil Courts.	Established or average number of Jurors or Assessors in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS.			Remarks.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict.		Number of persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Section 263, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Section 263, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors.	
1.—CIVIL COURTS.												
Chief Court of District (or) Officer especially empowered) acting under Act X of 1880. } Assessors .	2	...	131	...	...	...	...	...	92	36	3	
TOTAL . .	2	...	131	...	...	...	..	...	92	36	3	

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ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

I.—THE HIGH COURT.

Original suits.

§1. The number of civil suits, including Divorce, Vice-Admiralty, Testamentary, and Intestate (contentious) cases, pending on the Original Side of the High Court at the end of 1882 was 722. Five hundred and thirty-five new cases were instituted in 1883. The total number of cases for disposal during the year under report was therefore 1,257.

The number of suits of each class instituted during 1883 was as follows:—

Suits for possession of immovable property	8
Suits for declaratory decrees	19
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	3
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	27
Suits to declare and establish personal rights	19
Suits for an account	47
Suits for dissolution of marriage	7
Suit for enforcement of matrimonial rights	1
Suits for partition	11
Administration suits	7
Suits for dissolution of partnership	13
Suits under section 261 of Act X of 1865	20
Suits not falling under any of the previous heads	30
Suits for specific money claims	323
TOTAL	535

§2. The value of the property in litigation was ₹22,19,664 in the past as compared with ₹22,08,941 in the previous year.

	Decided.	Pending at the close of the year.
Original suits including Vice-Admiralty, Testamentary and Intestate (contentious) cases.	459	777
Divorce suits	5	16

§3.—The number of suits decided in 1883 was 464, leaving 793 suits undisposed of a the end of the year.

Of the suits decided—

68 were dismissed for default or want of prosecution;
48 were withdrawn with leave;
20 were determined by compromise;
68 were decreed on confession;
106 were decreed *ex-parte;*
3 were decreed upon award;
104 cases were decreed after contest;
47 cases were dismissed „ „

Interlocutory applications.

There were also disposed of during the year 286 petitions for Probate and Letters of Administration; 1,728 interlocutory applications, including applications for injunctions, for the appointment of Receivers, for the discovery of documents, &c.; and 233 applications for execution.

References to take accounts.

§4. The number of references to take accounts, to make enquiries, to settle conveyances, &c., pending at the commencement of the year, was 194. Fresh references were directed by the Court during the year in 170 cases. Of the total number of 364 references, 29 were disposed of by a Judge in Chambers, 202 by the Registrar on the Original Side, and 25 by the Assistant Clerk. In 25 of the cases disposed of by the Registrar, he conducted the sale of properties ordered to be sold otherwise than in the ordinary course of execution, after an enquiry into title and settlement of the conditions of sale.

Proclamations under Section 287.

During the year the Registrar further settled the proclamation of sale, by the Sheriff in the ordinary course of execution, in 16 cases, in all of which it was found necessary to examine witnesses.

Appeals from the Original Jurisdiction.

§5. The number of appeals from the Original to the Appellate Side of the Court pending at the commencement of 1883 was 26, and 37 new appeals were filed during the year, making a total of 68 for disposal. Of these, 4 were dismissed for default, and 18 were decided, the decree of the Court of First Instance being affirmed in twelve and modified in six cases.

References from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes.

§6. Nine references from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes were pending at the commencement of 1883, and 5 were made during the year, making a total of fourteen. Of these 9 were determined during the year, one of which was withdrawn, one remanded for a new trial, and one struck out. The judgment of the Court below was confirmed in five and reversed in one of the remaining references.

Insolvent Cases.

§7. The number of cases pending in the Insolvent Court at the commencement of the year was 210. One hundred and eight new cases were filed during the year, making a total of 318 cases. Including 6 cases withdrawn and 19 dismissed, 101 cases were decided. In one case the adjudication was set aside, and in 75 cases the insolvents obtained relief.

Of the persons who sought relief in the cases decided, 43 were merchants, 23 were private persons who had once possessed independent means, and 35 were clerks employed in public and other offices.

Orders.

Fifty-four applications for *ad interim* protection and 848 miscellaneous applications were also disposed of during the year.

Of the cases remaining undetermined at the close of the year, 85 are cases which, though practically abandoned, it has been found necessary to retain in the list of pending cases.

Vide extract from the judgment of White, J., given in the report for 1878.

Judges' time occupied

§8. For the hearing of original suits, including interlocutory and other applications, two Judges sat separately and simultaneously for 190 days, three Judges sat separately and simultaneously for five days, and two Judges sat together for two days. References to take accounts occupied one Judge for 17 days. The Insolvent Court occupied one Judge for 19 days. Appeals from the Original Side and references from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes occupied two Judges for 37 days.

Appeals to the Privy Council.

§9. One appeal to the Privy Council was pending at the commencement of 1883, and one was filed during the year.

§10. The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the High Court, on its Original Side, during 1883:—

	₹	a.	p.
Receipts.			
Commission of the Accountant General	11,924	14	4
Ditto on sales by the Registrar	10,710	14	3
Receiver's Commission	30,536	1	0
Fines realized	800	0	0
Other fees realized by means of stamps	1,90,143	10	0
Total	2,44,115	7	7
Probate and Administration duty	2,26,413	0	0
Expenditure.			
Establishment	1,68,177	0	8
Contingencies	14,218	11	2
Total	1,82,395	11	10

The following figures exhibit the financial results for the past three years :—

	Receipt.			Expenditure.			Surplus.		
	₹	a.	p.	₹	a.	p.	₹	a.	p.
In 1881	2,75,256	7	9	1,85,361	13	9	89,894	10	0
„ 1882	2,67,265	8	1	1,82,978	3	6	84,287	4	7
„ 1883	2,44,115	7	7	1,82,395	11	10	61,719	11	9

II.—CIVIL COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

§11. The total number of original suits instituted and decided in the Civil Courts of the Lower Provinces subordinate to the High Court in each of the past three years, and the number pending at the close of each of those years, respectively, are shown below :— Original suits instituted, disposed of, and pending. *Table A.*

	Instituted.	Determined.	Pending.
In 1881	383,229	390,291*	54,437*
„ 1882	403,877	407,239	57,443
„ 1883	407,657	408,789	63,274

* Revised figures.

From these figures it will appear that there was an increase of 3,780 in the number of suits instituted during 1883 upon the institutions of the previous year. The increase in the number of suits decided was not in proportion, and the pending files were in consequence heavier by 5,831 cases than at the close of 1882 and by 8,837 than at the close of 1881.

Upon a reference to the figures given in the margin, it will be observed that the increase in the institutions of 1883 has again taken place in the Regular Civil Courts, while the institutions in the Courts of Small Causes have fallen off by 3,072 cases.

	Regular	S.C.C.
In 1881 . .	328,592	54,637
„ 1882 . .	350,606	53,271
„ 1883 . .	357,458	50,199

The variations in the figures of the past two years, as regards the institutions in the Regular Civil Courts, were most marked in the following districts :—

Districts.	Institutions.		Increase.	Districts.	Institutions.		Decrease.
	1882.	1883.			1882.	1883.	
Jessore	21,785	25,281	3,496	24-Pergunnahs . . .	23,810	21,424	2,386
Backergunge . . .	21,945	24,345	2,400	Noakholly . . .	11,998	11,174	824
Cuttack	9,545	10,861	1,316	Midnapore . . .	17,272	16,464	758
Purneah	8,915	10,066	1,151	Hooghly	14,775	14,023	752
Chittagong . . .	12,446	13,570	1,124	Bhagulpore . . .	9,889	9,155	734
Mymensingh . . .	22,120	23,207	1,087	Dacca	19,185	18,635	550
Rungpore . . .	13,495	14,538	1,043	Moorshedabad . . .	13,146	12,659	487

The falling-off in the number of cases instituted in the Courts of Small Causes occurred chiefly in the following localities :—

	Institutions		
	1882.	1883.	Decrease.
Cuttack	2,136	1,101	1,035
Dacca	4,093	3,426	667
Patna	1,114	478	636
Munshiganj	2,205	1,858	347
Monghyr	2,917	2,573	344
Kishnaghur	2,479	2,143	336
Bhagulpore	2,275	1,940	335
Narail	1,864	1,552	312

A marked increase took place in the two following Courts only:—

	1882.	1883.	Increase.
Sealdah	5,538	6,591	1,053
Mihrpur	1,574	1,909	335

§ 11. The decrease in Bhagulpore, which was considerable in the case of rent-suits, is ascribed to the final amicable settlement of the questions which long proved a source of dispute between the lessees of Raja Lilanand Singh and the tenants on his numerous estates. In Dacca the prosperous condition of the agricultural classes and consequent tolerably satisfactory relations between landlords and tenants have led to a decrease in suits for arrears of rent and the almost entire disappearance of suits for enhancement. In Moorshedabad and Burdwan, where the relations between landlords and tenants are generally satisfactory, the badness of the harvests has apparently given rise to disinclination on the part of landlords to harass their tenantry with litigation. In the latter district the Judge observes that this view is borne out by the fact that the decrease in institutions was confined to the last half of the year, when the effects of the drought were perceptible. The partial failure of the winter crops in Bankura, which raised the value of paddy and afforded the well-to-do *máhájans* and rent receivers a good opportunity to sell their stored-up grain and so provide themselves with funds for suits against raiyats who would but for the failure of crops have been in a position to pay their rent in kind, is assigned as the cause of the increase of litigation. The general advance of civilization in the district and the improvement in the public health are said also to have contributed to the same result. Regarding the falling-off in the institutions in Midnapore which took place mainly in rent-suits, the District Judge remarks that it is a matter of general observation that where the harvests are plentiful, rent-suits are less and title-suits more numerous, funds being available for the prosecution of claims upon which the twelve-year rule allows claimants to sleep until a convenient season. In Noakhally a considerable decrease took place in the Munsifis of Sandíp and Begumganj, owing, it is said in the latter case to the improved condition and general prosperity of the people. The decrease is most marked in petty suits on bonds, and it is said that bond debts are paid sooner than others in order to escape the payment of interest. In the Dewanganj Munsifi the hostile feeling existing between zemindars and tenants led to an increase. A progressive increase in litigation has taken place in Mymensingh since 1879, which, being due to general causes, is expected by the Judge to continue. At Attea an unfavourable jute season caused a falling-off in bond suits, which did not however extend to the other Munsifis in the district. Considering the size and enormous population of this district, the number of rent-suits instituted is inconsiderable: the cultivating raiyats as a rule, it is said, pay not only their rents but cesses enormously in excess of their rents, willingly and without the intervention of the Court. In certain parganas, however, the relations between landlords and tenants have become strained, chiefly in connection with claims for enhanced rent by the landlords and with the terms of the *kabúliyats* which they seek to impose on their raiyats. Some of the landlords, whose conduct has formed the subject of complaint, reside within the jurisdiction of the Iswarganj Court where the greatest increase in the number of rent-suits has occurred. In Kushtea there was an increase of rent-suits owing to certain tenants withholding payment of rent on account of their inability to come to terms with their landlord respecting lands washed away by the Padma river and other lands taken up by Government for railway purposes. Disputes between two zemindars who are co-sharers, and the consequent non-payment of rent by their tenants, also contributed to the increase. The speedy disposal of rent-suits under the scheme recently introduced of setting apart certain selected officers for the trial of this class of suits is reported to be the sole cause of the increase in the institutions at Alipore and Basirhat in the 24-Pergunnahs, and to have had some effect in the same direction at Diamond Harbour. In the latter Munsifi the existence of ill-feeling between a zemindar and his tenants also operated to increase the number of rent-suits. A decrease in the number of suits for money or moveables in Hazareebagh, Lohardugga, and Manbhum (Chota-Nagpore) is ascribed to the more extensive working of Act VI of 1876. (The

Local causes of increase or decrease in litigation.

Encumbered Estates Act) during the year. A variety of other causes is assigned by local officers for the increase or decrease of institutions, which may be and probably is only the natural ebb and flow of the tide of litigation; and it is just possible that there is too great anxiety to explain variations which after all do not require explanation from abnormal causes.

§ 12. The variations in the figures of the past two years, as regards suits decided by the Regular Civil Courts, were most marked in the following districts:— Suits decided.

Districts.	Decided.		Increase.	Districts.	Decided.		Decrease.
	1882.	1883.			1882.	1883.	
Jessore	22,347	25,286	2,939	Dacca	20,490	18,485	2,005
Backergunge	22,849	24,846	1,997	24-Pergunnahs	23,574	21,675	1,899
Cuttack	9,383	11,045	1,662	Rajshahye	9,558	8,322	1,236
Rungpore	13,905	14,996	1,091	Furreedpore	16,197	15,039	1,158
Chittagong	12,461	13,420	959	Bhagulpore	9,736	8,866	870
Purneah	8,808	9,757	949	Hooghly	15,036	14,167	869
Patna	3,405	4,296	891	Shahabad	7,587	6,839	748
Tipperah	22,124	22,908	784	Midnapore	17,347	16,728	619

A considerable increase took place in the amount of work done in the Small Cause Court at Sealdah, while in the following Small Cause Courts the number of cases decided in the past year fell considerably short of the work done in 1882:—

	Cases decided.		
	1882.	1883.	Decrease.
Cuttack	2,157	1,092	1,065
Patna	1,301	483	818
Dacca	4,104	3,559	545
Munshiganj	2,382	1,841	541
Narail	1,974	1,595	379
Kishnaghur	2,501	2,158	343

§ 13. In the districts given below there was an observable increase at the close of 1883 in the pending files of the Regular Civil Courts as compared with the files at the end of the previous year:— Pending files of Original Suits.

	Number of suits pending at the close of		
	1882.	1883.	Increase.
Mymensingh	3,281	4,192	911
Shahabad	2,162	2,785	623
Tipperah	4,546	5,137	591
Jessore	2,205	2,774	569
Chittagong	1,971	2,478	507
Bankura	993	1,490	498
Patna	992	1,482	490
Rajshahye	1,161	1,601	440
Purneah	1,457	1,886	429
Bhagulpore	1,804	2,218	414

In the districts of Noakhally and Burdwan alone the files of regular suits were appreciably reduced.

Additional Munsifs are now employed in clearing off the arrears on the files in Mymensingh, Rajshahye, Purneah, Shahabad, and Tipperah. In Noakholly, notwithstanding the considerable decrease in the pending files of the whole district, the arrears on the file of the Munsif of Sandip were nearly double those at the close of 1882—a state of things attributed by the Munsif to his absence from the station for about a month from various causes, and to certain lengthy proceedings taken in a number of similar suits brought for the

avoidance of under-tenures and for ejectment. An increase of 313 cases took place in the pending files of the Courts in Dacca, owing to a diminution in the numerical strength of the judicial staff.

Original suits and appeals pending for more than a year.

§ 14. The number of suits and appeals pending for more than one year at the close of each of the years 1882 and 1883 is given on the margin. These general figures for the year under report compare unfavourably with those of the previous year. The increase was most marked in Gya, Shahabad, Bhagulpore, Backergunge, and Chittagong. Some decrease, however, took place in Moorshedabad, Bhagulpore, Midnapore, Bankura, and Cuttack. The reduction in Bankura was due to the deputation of a Subordinate Judge to the district for a portion of the year.

	1882.	1883.
Original suits . .	257	379
Appeals . .	413	633

No suit of more than one year's standing remained undecided at the close of 1883 in Backergunge or Dinagepore, and no such appeal remained pending in Beerbhoom, Dacca, Dinagepore, Jessore, Moorshedabad, Noakhally, Purneah, or Rungpore. The abnormally large number of old appeals pending in Bhagulpore was due to the ill-health, during the 3rd quarter of the year, of the District Judge. The arrears in Backergunge were due to the temporary removal from the district of one of the Subordinate Judges.

Number and value of suits instituted, 1879 to 1883.

Table C.

§ 15. The total number of suits instituted in 1883, including cases in the Courts of Small Causes, exceeded the number instituted in 1879 by 32,875 or 8·7 per cent. The value of the property in litigation during the same period increased by ₹9,63,506 or 2 per cent.

In the following statement the districts have been grouped according to the number of suits instituted in 1883 :—

Exceeding 20,000 suits.

Jessore.	Dacca.
24-Pergunnahs.	Tipperah.
Backergunge.	Mymensingh.

Exceeding 15,000 but less than 20,000 suits.

Hooghly.	Midnapore.
Nuddea.	Furreedpore.

Exceeding 10,000 but less than 15,000 suits.

Rungpore.	Cuttack.
Bhagulpore.	Noakhally.
Chittagong.	Dinagepore.
Burdwan.	Pubna and Bogra.
Moorshedabad.	Purneah.

Exceeding 5,000 but less than 10,000 suits.

Rajshahye.	Sarun.
Tirhoot.	Beerbhoom.
Bankura.	Pubna.
Shahabad.	

Exceeding 2,000 but less than 5,000 suits.

Chota Nagpore.	Gya.

Local increase or decrease of original litiga-

In Jessore, where the number of suits was slightly in excess of 33,000, nearly one-third, as in 1882, were instituted in the Courts of Small Causes. In the 24-Pergunnahs the number was slightly over 28,000, of which about one-fifth were instituted in the Small Cause Courts. The number in Backergunge slightly exceeded 25,000, and in Hooghly was slightly below 20,000. On a comparison with the Report for 1882, it will be observed that while the number of districts in which the institutions exceeded 20,000 has decreased by one, the number of those in which the institutions exceeded 10,000 has increased by three. The number of districts where the institutions fell below 10,000 has thus fallen from 11 to 9.

During the past five years litigation has increased in a marked degree in Bankura (74·7 per cent.), Rajshahye (52·8 per cent.), Mymensingh (34·1 per cent.), and Tipperah (22·8 per cent.). During the same period litigation has fallen off in seven districts, the decrease being most conspicuous in Noakhally (18·7 per cent.), Nuddea (8·6 per cent.), and Chittagong (7 per cent.).

§16. The following statement shows the number of suits of each class instituted in all the Civil Courts in 1882 and 1883:— Classification of suits instituted in 1882 and 1883. *Table D.*

	1882.	1883.
Suits cognizable by a Small Cause Court . . .	208,362	212,047
Suits under the Rent Law	159,830	162,501
Title and other suits	35,685	33,109

Excluding cases instituted in Courts of Small Causes, the number of cases of the Small Cause Court class instituted in 1883 was 161,845, of which 71,822 were decided by 91 Munsifs vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge for the trial of suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value, and by one Subordinate Judge vested with such powers for the trial of suits up to Rs. 100 in value. During the year under report there was a continued decrease of 5·7 per cent. in the number of cases instituted in the Courts of Small Causes, while in the Regular Civil Courts there was a continued increase of 4·3 per cent. in institutions of the Small Cause Court class. In suits under the Rent Law there was a continued increase of 1·6 per cent., while "title and other suits," which had increased by 2·2 per cent. in 1882, declined by 7·2 per cent. The decrease in cases of the Small Cause Court class, instituted in the Courts of Small Causes, will be noticed in a subsequent paragraph. The increase of 43 per cent. in cases of the Small Cause Court class instituted in the Regular Civil Courts was mainly due to institutions in Jessore, Cuttack, Backergunge, and Rungpore. In the 24-Pergunnahs, Tirhoot, and Moorshedabad there was a marked decrease in this class of cases.

The districts which contributed specially to the increase in the number of rent-suits were Backergunge, Jessore, Tirhoot, and Chittagong. There was a marked decrease in Hooghly, Bhagulpore, the 24-Pergunnahs, Noakhally, and Midnapore. An increase in the number of these suits which took place in the Sadr Sub-division of Sarun is attributed by the Rent-suit Munsif to the existence of increased ill-feeling between the zamindars and their raiyats on account of the leasing out of villages to petty thikadars, whose sole aim and object is to realize, fairly or unfairly, something in excess of the previous rental. The establishment of a separate tribunal for the speedy disposal of this class of cases is stated to have also promoted institutions. The Munsif of Sawan thinks that the completion of partition proceedings tends to increase this kind of litigation.

As regards title and other suits, the decrease, which was common to all, except eight districts, was most marked in Bhagulpore, Cuttack, Backergunge, Jessore, Beerbhoom, and Midnapore. In the remaining districts the increase was slight. In Sarun the decline has been gradual since 1881, and is again attributed to the cessation of suits brought to set aside the Collectors' orders under the Land Registration Act. The formation of the new Registers under the Act afforded an opportunity of bringing forward dormant and doubtful claims, the disposal of which by the Civil Courts has had the effect of quieting and settling titles in this and other districts in which estates belong to numerous sharers.

Including Small Cause Court cases, each of the following districts had more than 10,000 suits for money or movables during the year under notice:—

	1881.	1882.	1883.
Dacca	19,575	19,158	17,915
Mymensingh	15,514	16,668	17,283
24-Pergunnahs	14,371	15,321	14,813
Jessore	13,602	12,129	13,917
Nuddea	13,328	12,689	12,305
Tipperah	9,539	11,094	11,575
Cuttack	8,312	10,071	10,829
Hooghly	9,521	10,749	10,315

Dacca, Mymensingh, and the 24-Pergunnahs still continue to head the list as in the previous two years, but in the first-named district a gradual increase has taken place, and a gradual decrease in the second.

As in the previous two years, Jessore (17,608), Backergunge (16,900), and the 24-Pergunnahs (11,114), are the only districts in which the number of rent-suits has exceeded 10,000. Their relative position also remains unaltered. Tipperah comes next with 9,170 rent-suits, and is followed by Chittagong, Hooghly, Midnapore, and Noakhally with a little over 7,000 suits.

As in 1882, Chittagong and Tipperah were the only districts where more than 2,500 "title and other suits" were instituted; but in Chittagong many of these suits were concerned with property of very small value. In the following districts the number instituted exceeded 2,000:—

	1881.	1882.	1883.
Chittagong	2,561	2,772	2,767
Tipperah	2,318	2,624	2,547
Jessore	1,935	1,979	2,316
Mymensingh	2,290	2,199	2,294
24-Pergunnahs	2,180	2,411	2,283

Classification of suits for money or movables.

§17. The following table classifies the suits for money or movables instituted in the past two years in the Regular Civil Courts and in the Courts of Small Causes:—

Description of Suits.	Small Cause Courts.		Regular Civil Courts.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
On written obligation	26,607	25,904	106,492	109,211
On unwritten obligation	6,145	4,762	11,817	14,177
On account stated	3,080	3,330	10,204	10,485
Money had and received	673	1,145	3,613	3,589
Goods sold	8,350	6,881	5,774	6,041
Wages, work, and materials	1,230	1,290	1,432	1,708
Rent not falling under the Rent Law	3,116	2,888	3,310	3,605
Movable property, or value thereof	1,374	2,196	5,053	5,641
Damages	1,116	1,096	4,584	4,708
Other suits for money or movables not mentioned above.	1,580	710	2,862	2,680
Total	53,271	50,202	155,091	161,845

§18. The following table contains a comparative statement of the various classes of suits under the Rent Law, instituted during the past two years in the Civil Courts and in the Revenue Courts:—

Classification of suits under the Rent Law.

	Civil Courts.		Revenue Courts.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Arrears of rent	155,668	158,702	9,475	9,362
Enhancement or abatement of rent	1,292	1,147	51	82
Relating to distraint	282	364	253	204
Damages for extortion, &c.	278	237	81	64
For *pattas* or *kabúliyats*	96	196	104	54
For ejectment or recovery of possession	760	574	175	158
For recovery of money or accounts from agents	1,030	966	26	26
All other suits under the Rent Law	424	315	60	70
Total	159,830	162,501	10,228	10,020

§ 19. The following statement classifies the suits other than rent-suits and suits of the Small Cause Court class instituted during the past two years :—

Classification of other Suits.

	Number of Suits.		Percentage of the class to the total number.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Suits for immovable property	20,988	19,466	58·815	58·793
„ for declaratory decrees	645	693	1·808	2·093
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	4,012	4,098	11·243	12·377
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property	6,532	5,341	18·305	16·132
Suits to declare and establish personal rights	703	821	1·97	2·479
„ for an account	314	253	·88	·764
„ relating to religious endowments	33	39	·092	·118
„ to set aside judgments, &c., on the ground of fraud	455	539	1·275	1·628
Suits for dissolution of marriage	33	45	·092	·136
„ for enforcement of matrimonial rights	496	549	1·39	1·659
„ for partition	516	507	1·446	1·531
„ relating to shipping	1	2	·003	·007
„ „ to religion and caste	8	6	·022	·018
Administration suits	3	6	.008	·018
Interpleader suits	14	5	·039	·015
Dissolution of partnership	103	98	·289	·296
Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865	145	184	·406	·556
Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	684	457	1·917	1·38
TOTAL	35,685	33,109	100·	100·

There was thus, it will be observed, a noticeable decrease in suits to declare and establish personal rights, and in suits for the recovery of immovable property.

§ 20. The following statement gives the value of suits of each class instituted during each of the past two years :— Suits valued according to class. *Table E.*

		1882. R	1883. R
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts	28,91,626	27,99,086
	Regular Courts	1,66,37,949	1,87,86,004
„ under the Rent Law		90,98,624	95,92,704
Title and other suits		2,77,90,897	1,64,91,441

The increase in the value of suits for money or movables was most marked in Bhagulpore, Backergunge, Beerbhoom, Jessore, Tirhoot, and Purneah, while in Patna and Shahabad there was a noticeable decrease. The increase in Tirhoot was chiefly owing to the institution in 1883, in the Court of the 1st Subordinate Judge, of three cases of the aggregate value of R8,68,673; but in Backergunge, Beerbhoom, Jessore, and Purneah it represented a real increase in the number of institutions. The value of rent-suits increased very considerably in Sarun, Backergunge, and Purneah, and declined in the 24-Pergunnahs, Bhagulpore, Gya, and Mymensingh. Speaking generally, the fluctuations in value corresponded with fluctuations in the numbers of institutions. The value of title and other suits rose considerably in Rajshahye, Hooghly, Patna, and Gya, and fell in Mymensingh, Tirhoot, Burdwan, Moorshedabad, and Midnapore. In Tirhoot the institution of one very large suit affected the statements for 1882, and in Burdwan a similar cause operated to swell the figures for 1883.

§ 21. The following statement shows the average value of suits of each class :—

		1882. R	1883. R
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts	54·2	55·7
	Regular Courts	107·2	116·
„ under the Rent Law		56·9	59·6
Title and other suits		778·7	498·

Details of value. *Statement 3.* Further details of the value of suits instituted during 1883 are given below:—

Details of Value.	Suits for Money or Movables.			Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.
		Regular Courts.			
	Small Cause Courts.	Under Small Cause Court powers.	Under ordinary powers.		
Not exceeding ₹ 10	8,465	14,049	4,094	49,502	5,060
„ „ „ 50	24,558	56,729	28,291	76,951	13,374
„ „ „ 100	10,192	256	31,583	20,323	5,585
„ „ „ 500	6,987	...	22,554	13,557	5,922
Exceeding „ 500, or value not ascertained	...	...	4,289	2,168	3,168
Total	50,202	71,034	90,811	162,501	33,109

It will thus appear that in 398,032 or 97·6 per cent. of the total number of suits instituted in the Civil Courts, the amount in dispute was less than ₹500; and in 70·6 per cent. it was below ₹50. In 33,023 or 65·7 per cent. of the suits instituted in the Small Cause Courts, and in 103,163 or 63·7 per cent. of the suits of the Small Cause Court class instituted in the Regular Civil Courts, the value in dispute was below ₹50. Of the latter, 70,678 were tried by officers vested with Small Cause Court powers. Of rent-suits 30·4 per cent. were below ₹10 and 77·8 per cent. below ₹50 in value, while the proportion of those exceeding ₹100 and ₹500, respectively, was 9·6 and 1·3 per cent.

The following statement gives further details as to 9,056 suits in which the value of the property in dispute exceeded ₹500:—

	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other Suits.
Not exceeding ₹ 1,000 in value	2,567	1,235	1,008
„ „ „ 5,000 „	1,439	836	1,247
„ „ „ 10,000 „	176	55	194
„ „ „ 1,00,000 „	98	24	152
Exceeding „ 1,00,000 „	5	1	19
Total	4,285	2,151	2,620

In the remaining 569 cases the value could not be estimated in money.

§ 22. The result of the decision of suits during each of the past five years is shown in the following table:—

Suits how determined. *Table F.*

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.
1879	139,070	140,466	93,761	373,297
1880	147,885	142,606	96,474	386,965
1881	144,250	146,304	99,738	390,292
1882	152,660	157,831	96,748	407,239
1883	155,136	156,796	96,857	408,789

Of the whole number decided in 1883, 23·6 per cent. were contested. In 1882, contested cases constituted 23·7 per cent., and in 1881 25·5 per cent., of the whole number decided.

§23. In the following statement details are given for 1883 as to the manner in which the suits before each class of Court were disposed of:—

		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.
Courts of Small Causes		24,466	16,421	10,222
Regular Courts	Suits for money or movables	65,907	68,664	27,184
	„ under the Rent Law	50,784	68,397	43,544
	Title and other suits	14,029	3,314	15,907
	TOTAL	130,670	140,375	86,635

It thus appears that in the Small Cause Courts 20 per cent., and in the Regular Civil Courts 24 per cent., of the cases decided were contested. As in previous years, the largest proportion of contested suits is to be found among title and other suits, while the smallest proportion is among suits of the Small Cause Court class tried by the Regular Civil Courts.

Of the suits for money, &c., decided in the Regular Courts, 71,822 cases were determined by 91 officers vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge for the trial of petty suits not exceeding R50 in value, and by one officer vested with those powers for the trial of suits not exceeding R100 in value. The manner in which these cases were disposed of is shown on the margin.

Withdrawn	30,704
Decided *ex-parte*	30,219
Contested	10,899
TOTAL	71,822

§24. The following were the only districts in which more than 5,000 cases were contested during the year under notice:— Districts where contested suits were most numerous.

	1881.	1882.	1883.
Jessore	7,933	7,572	8,055
24-Pergunnahs	7,010	7,615	6,599
Tipperah	6,282	5,871	6,492
Dacca	5,611	5,537	5,158
Chittagong	4,352	4,662	5,141
Backergunge	4,316	4,652	5,127

The proportion of contested cases decided in the Regular Civil Courts was highest in the following districts:—

	Percentage of contested Cases.			
	In Suits for money, &c.	In Suits under the Rent Law.	In title and other Suits.	TOTAL.
Gya	26·	46·8	50·2	38·5
Chittagong	23·6	34·7	59·1	38·3
Patna	25·1	43·6	59·4	38·3
Tirhoot	19·7	49·2	55·	37·4
Chota Nagpore	26·9	...	63·9	32·9
Shahabad	22·5	33·6	51·2	32·7

Except in the district of Chittagong, where over 13,000 original suits were instituted, the number of original suits instituted in each of the above districts in no case exceeded 8,000.

§25. In the following statement further details are given of the manner in which suits were decided in the subordinate Civil Courts, as compared with suits decided in the Small Cause Courts proper. The proportion of cases

decided in favour of plaintiffs and defendants respectively during the past three years is also shown :—

All Courts, including Small Cause Courts.			Mode of Disposal.	Small Cause Courts separately.		
1881.	1882.	1883.		1881.	1882.	1883.
682	804	815	Plaints rejected	53	77	94
41,608	45,472	47,630	Default	7,089	7,418	7,166
8,163	8,665	8,860	Withdrawn	914	913	664
10,894	10,296	9,364	Dismissed *ex-parte*	192	331	344
26,514	23,465	22,715	Dismissed on trial	2,992	3,153	2,881
87,851	88,702	89,384	Total number of suits lost by Plaintiff	11,240	11,892	11,149
52,141	55,780	59,154	Compromised	7,489	7,000	6,980
41,656	41,939	38,677	Confession	10,037	9,803	9,562
135,410	147,535	147,432	Decreed *ex-parte*	18,877	17,757	16,077
73,224	73,283	74,142	Decreed on trial	7,777	7,904	7,341
250,290	262,757	260,251	Total number of suits won by Plaintiff	36,691	35,464	32,980
52,141	55,780	59,154	*Add*, suits compromised	7,489	7,000	6,980
302,431	318,537	319,405		44,180	42,464	39,960

The percentage of the whole number of cases decided against and in favour of plaintiffs is shown below :—

	1881.	1882.	1883
Decided against Plaintiffs	22·5	21·8	21·9
Compromised	13·3	13·7	14·5
Decided in favour of Plaintiffs	64·2	64·5	63·6

	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
Against Plaintiffs	20 9	20 5	20 3	21·9	21·8
Compromised	13 2	11·9	13·5	12·9	13·6
In favour of Plaintiffs	65 9	67·6	66·2	65 2	64 6

The figures on the margin show similar percentages as regards the Small Cause Courts only for the past five years.

Applications to set aside ex-parte judgments, or judgments in default. *Table G.*

§26. The following statement shows for each of the past three years the number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex-parte*, as also the number of applications for setting aside the judgments made and granted in such cases respectively :—

	1881.	1882.	1883.
Number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex-parte*	177,018	203,867	205,843
Number of applications to set aside judgments in such cases	9,337	10,141	10,884
Number of such applications granted	4,176	4,835	5,106

The proportion of applications to judgments in 1883 was 5·2 per cent., as compared with 4·9 per cent. in 1882. Of the applications made during the year under notice 49·8 per cent. were granted, as compared with 47·6 per cent. in 1882. The percentages in the several classes of Courts taken separately for the past two years were as follows :—

	Percentage.	
	1882.	1883.
District Judges' Courts	86·6	56·1
Small Cause Courts	58·1	56·6
Subordinate Judges' Courts	36·3	37 4
Munsifs' Courts	45·9	48·9

§27. The following statement shows the number of applications for the execution of decrees, which resulted in the realization of full or partial satisfaction, together with the total amount levied in the Regular Civil Courts :— *Table II.*

Decrees how executed.

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realised.
			₹
1881	64,167	37,206	1,27,12,970
1882	70,046	43,879	1,37,30,738
1883	71,909	47,446	1,42,01,445

The corresponding figures for Small Cause Courts during the past two years are as follows :—

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realised.
			₹
1882	5,464	6,365	4,03,878
1883	5,379	6,239	3,71,743

In the Regular Civil Courts there was an increase of ₹4,70,707 in the amount realized. The year 1882 also showed an increase. In the Small Cause Courts there was a decrease of ₹32,135 during the year under report as against an increase of ₹22,486 in 1882. The amounts realized in the Regular Civil Courts were largest in the following districts :—

	Amount realised.	
	1882.	1883.
	₹	₹
Bhagulpore	8,36,071	12,55,465
Backergunge	9,37,338	10,03,048
Tirhoot	9,13,313	9,57,857
Pubna and Bogra	2,59,774	9,09,510
24-Pergunnahs	10,03,213	8,37,869
Mymensingh	5,50,303	6,67,404
Patna	5,77,388	5,81,816
Gya	4,61,605	5,72,034
Dacca	5,31,558	5,66,569
Jessore	7,88,856	5,15,687
Sarun	5,18,500	5,05,907

The marked fluctuations in Pubna, Bogra, Bhagulpore, Hooghly, and Jessore are due to one or two exceptionally heavy execution cases being finally disposed of during the year under report or during the previous year.

§28. The following statement shows the number of applications for the execution of decrees disposed of in 1883, the number in which realizations were made and the total amount realized, the figures for the Regular Civil Courts and for the Small Cause Courts being given separately :—

		Number of applications.	Amount realised.
			₹
Regular Civil Courts	With process . . .	100,572	1,25,17,509
	Without process . . .	18,783	16,83,936
Small Cause Courts	With process . . .	10,542	3,03,211
	Without process . . .	1,076	68,532

Taking all the Courts together, realisations were effected without process in 15·1 per cent. of applications in 1883, as against 14·7 per cent. in 1882.

Decrees executed. *Statement 6.*

§29. In Statement 6 will be found further details regarding the manner in which decrees were executed in 1883. The number of applications for execution (including verbal applications immediately upon delivery of judgment) made to the Subordinate Civil Courts was 355,444; of these 297,708 were decided and 57,736 remained pending. Satisfaction, whole or partial, was obtained in 130,973 cases. In 39,503 of the applications disposed of, the creditors' claim was adjusted under section 258 of The Code of Civil Procedure. The number of wholly infructuous applications was 158,945. These figures indicate that the decree-holders were unsuccessful, either because they did not persevere in their attempts to execute, or because no property of their judgment-debtors could be found; and in some cases it is possible that the parties settled out of Court, although the result was not reported to the Courts.

Coercive processes.

§30. The following figures show the extent to which the different modes of execution were utilized during the past five years :—

Year.	Possession given.	Imprisonment.	Property sold.	
			Movable.	Immovable.
1879	8,064	2,190	10,299	32,240
1880	8,040	1,775	10,728	27,627
1881	7,453	1,936	10,258	21,182
1882	7,286	2,193	11,840	24,648
1883	7,753	2,207	12,300	25,852

An increase took place under each head, especially in respect of cases in which the judgment-debtors' immovable property was attached and sold. This increase was most marked in Jessore, Bankura, Mymensigh, and Backergunge. There was, on the other hand, a noteable decrease in proceedings of this class in the 24-Pergunnahs and Burdwan. The tendency of decree-holders to avail themselves of means of satisfying their decrees other than the attachment and sale of the immovable property of judgment-debtors, and the difficulties in the way of the decree-holder in executing his decree, are attributed by the District Judges of Bhagulpore, Burdwan, and Dacca to the strictness of the rules drawn up by the High Court in 1880 for the attachment and sale of the immovable property of judgment-debtors. The revision of these rules is under consideration. In 318 cases the judgment-debtors' immovable property was dealt with under section 305, 322, or 326 of the Civil Procedure Code; an opportunity being afforded of raising money on the property in order to satisfy the decree. Specific performance was enforced in 272 cases, and partition was effected in 84 cases. No particular details are given regarding the execution of decrees in 7,539 cases.

Miscellaneous (Judicial) cases. *Table I.*

§31. The following statement compares the number of original miscellaneous cases of a judicial nature instituted, determined, and pending in the Regular Civil Courts and in the Small Cause Courts, during each of the past two years :—

		Instituted.	Determined.	Pending.
Regular Civil Courts . .	1882 .	31,803	32,131	5,774*
	1883 .	32,261	32,765	5,434
Small Cause Courts . .	1882 .	3,063	3,036	221
	1883 .	3,213	3,146	302

* Revised figures.

Notwithstanding the increase in the institutions of the Regular Civil Courts, the pending files have been reduced by 340 cases. In the Small Cause Courts, however, though the cases disposed of were more than in 1883, the institutions were greater in proportion, and the pending files in consequence increased from 221 to 302. A decrease in these cases in the District Courts

of Hooghly and the 24-Pergunnahs is attributed to the disappearance from the files of redemption and foreclosure cases in consequence of the Transfer of Property Act coming into operation.

Details are given below of the manner in which these cases were dealt with during the past two years:—

	By Regular Civil Courts.		By Small Cause Courts	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c. . .	6,589*	6,797	627	768
Decided *ex-parte*	7,292	6,996	204	254
Contested	18,250	18,972	2,205	2,124
TOTAL .	32,131	32,765	3,036	3,146

* Includes 60 redemption and foreclosure cases.

Applications were granted in 56 per cent. of the cases disposed of after contest in the Regular Civil Courts, and were refused in the remainder. Of the whole number disposed of, 1,049 or 3·2 per cent. were compromised. In the Small Cause Courts 51·9 per cent. of the contested applications decided were granted, the rest being refused, while 80 cases or 2·5 per cent. of the whole number were compromised.

§ 32. The following table shows for the years 1882 and 1883 the total number of miscellaneous non-judicial cases instituted and disposed of under the Rent Law in the Courts of First Instance in Bengal, as also the number pending at the close of each of these years respectively:— Miscellaneous (Non-judicial) cases. *See Table J.*

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1882	26,966	27,510	3,232
1883	25,479	25,325	3,386

The decrease in institutions of this class was most marked in the following districts:—

	1882.	1883.	Decrease.
Bhagulpore	2,650	2,022	628
Sarun	2,255	1,778	477
Shahabad	1,962	1,518	444
Furreedpore	581	223	358
Gya	874	558	316
Burdwan	720	449	271

In the districts noted below a considerable increase took place:—

	1882.	1883.	Increase.
Tipperah	1,495	1,844	349
Purneah	1,081	1,314	233
Moorshedabad	405	575	170
Dinagepore	831	987	156
Tirhoot	2,293	2,432	139
Jessore	657	792	135
Noakholly	625	734	109

No explanations of the fluctuation in the institution of cases of this class have been given in the district reports except in those of Bhagulpore, Burdwan, Dacca, and the 24-Pergunnahs. In the three last-named districts a diminution in the institutions is attributed to the general harmony of the relations between landlords and tenants.

§33. The following statement exhibits in detail the several classes of miscellaneous (non-judicial) cases instituted, decided, and pending in the Civil Courts during the years 1882 and 1883:—

Detail of Miscellaneou Non-judicial cases.

	Instituted.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Applications for the deposit of rent	24,799	23,123	25,333	23,069	2,668	2,717
Applications for assistance to distrain	1,344	1,337	1,383	1,250	325	417
Applications for the sale of distrained property	823	1,019	794	1,006	239	252
TOTAL	26,966	25,479	27,510	25,325	3,232	3,386

Of the 1,250 applications for assistance to distrain property heard during 1883, 1,124 were granted, and the rest refused. It is remarkable that in the Patna district, out of 57 applications filed during the year no less than 54 were rejected. The remaining 72 rejected applications were distributed among 10 districts.

Average duration of cases. *Table Q.*

§34. The average duration of suits, contested and uncontested, decided during the past year by the several grades of Courts, is given in the following statement:—

		District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsifs		Small Cause Court Judges.	
		M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.
Under ordinary procedure	Contested	5	19	7	14	4	0	...	
	Uncontested	4	7	3	10	1	26	...	
Under Small Cause Court procedure.	Contested	...		0	27	1	10	1	2
	Uncontested	...		0	23	0	28	0	22

Taking individual districts, the duration of cases, both contested and uncontested, decided by the District Judge of Bhagulpore, of contested cases decided by the District Judge of Burdwan, and of uncontested cases decided by the District Judge of Pubna and Bogra, was very long. The duration of contested cases before the District Judge and Subordinate Judge of Gya, which was remarkably long in 1882, showed much improvement in the year under review.

III.—SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

I.—The Presidency Small Cause Courts.

Calcutta Small Cause Court.

§35. The number of suits instituted and decided in the Calcutta Small Cause Court during 1882 and 1883, as also the number pending at the close of these years respectively, are shown below:—

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1882	29,553	29,329	1,557
1883	26,027	25,783	1,801

In 19,407 or 74·5 per cent. of the 26,027 cases instituted, the amount or value of the property involved did not exceed ₹50; and in 43·2 per cent. it

was below ₹10. In 505 cases the amount or value was between ₹500 and ₹1,000, and it exceeded the latter sum in 315 cases.

The total amount in litigation was ₹19,89,465 in the year under notice, as compared with ₹18,28,343 in the previous year. Details of the value of the suits instituted in 1882 and 1883 are given below :—

Classified Value of Suits.	1882.	1883.
Up to ₹ 10	10,776	8,387
,, ,, ,, 50	12,130	11,020
,, ,, ,, 100	2,851	2,776
,, ,, ,, 500	3,050	3,024
,, ,, ,, 1,000	612	505
Above ,, 1,000	134	315
TOTAL	29,553	26,027

The decrease, it will be observed, was confined to suits in which the amount or value did not exceed ₹1,000. On this subject the Judges of the Presidency Small Cause Courts in their report to the High Court observe as follows :—

"When we submitted our last report, Act XV of 1882 (Presidency Small Cause Courts Act, 1882,) had been in force only six months, and there had been a decrease of 4,555 suits on the returns for the whole year. This falling off was confined, as we pointed out, almost entirely to suits below ₹50 and followed immediately on the introduction of the new Act. In other words, it represented the effect of the new procedure upon small suits during the last six months of the year 1882. We attributed this result in a great measure to the effect of sections 36 and 37 of The Code of Civil Procedure on small suits, and pointed out how much more troublesome it was to file and conduct a suit under the Code than under the old practice. This was a point upon which some of us held a strong opinion all along and lost no opportunity of bringing it under the notice of the Legislature during the passage of the Bill. When the Bill became law, and modifications of the Code under section 23 of the Act were under consideration, the Local Government consulted its law officers, and on their advice it was finally determined to retain the sections without modification. The attention of the Government of India has since been drawn to the subject, and that Government has expressed the opinion 'that the complaints, especially so far as the pettier classes of suits are concerned, do not seem to be entirely groundless, but to involve matters which cause substantial inconvenience and hardship to suitors. Indeed, the large diminution in the number of suits filed in the Calcutta Court, since the new Act came into operation, notwithstanding the fact that the jurisdiction of the Court now embraces suits of twice the pecuniary value admissible under the former Act, is attributed by the Judges (paragraphs 6, 7, and 8 of the Annual Report to the High Court for 1882), and apparently with justice, to the more elaborate and exacting practice connected with the representation of parties, which was introduced with the enactment now in operation. A similar result was produced by like cause on the files in the Court of Small Causes at Madras.' Those of us who held that these sections were unsuited to this Court predicted the results which have occurred and are now admitted. The Government of India has accordingly invited a reconsideration of this subject, and we have, under the orders of the Government of Bengal, proposed the omission from the Code as applicable to this Court of sections 37 and 41, and have suggested the substitution of a rule of practice which will give greater facilities for the representation of parties in suits."

The number of suits valued at more than ₹1,000 increased from 134 to 315—a result from which the Judges rightly infer the popularity of the Presidency Small Cause Court for suits of the higher values, the trial of which requires not only more care and attention than that of small suits, but in the case of contested suits occupies a greater length of time. Some of the suits instituted during the past year were a result of the rise in the price of jute and of the fall in the share market which took place during the second half of the year.

Compromised	9,599
Decreed on confession	1,981
Decreed *ex-parte*	5,547
Dismissed *ex-parte*	61
TOTAL	17,138

Of the suits disposed of during 1883, 3,434 were dismissed for default or for want of prosecution, or were withdrawn with leave; 17,138 were decided without contest in the manner shown in the margin, and 5,211 were decided after contest or on reference to arbitration.

Four hundred and sixty-one miscellaneous judicial cases were decided by the Calcutta Small Cause Court, all of which were distraint cases (not being

interpleader claims) under the Distraint Act, 1875. The number of commissions from Courts in the interior executed during the year is not given in the returns.

Of 3,053 processes received from Courts in the Mufassal, 2,115 were served on persons residing in Calcutta. Out of 15,001 applications for the execution of decrees on the files* of the Calcutta Small Cause Court, 14,592 were determined and 409 remained pending at the close of the year. The number of such applications filed was 14,312 in 1882, and the increase of 354 applications is attributed to the facilities for executing their decrees afforded to decree-holders by the present Civil Procedure Code being greater than those afforded by the former procedure of the Court. Of the applications disposed of in 1883, 10,610 resulted in whole or partial satisfaction of the decrees. In 4,326 cases it was found necessary to issue process.

* Pending from 1882 355
Instituted in 1883 14,646

The total amount realized was R4,28,762† in the past as compared with R3,97,794 in the previous year. The increase is due partly to the increase in the number of applications and partly to the higher values of decrees during the year under review.

† With the issue of process . . R 2,11,407
Without the issue of process . . 2,17,355

The principal coercive measures adopted to effect the execution of decrees were the imprisonment of the judgment-debtor in 370 cases, and the sale of the debtor's movable property in 563 cases. In 29 cases the immovable property of the debtor was made over to the decree-holder in liquidation of the debt.

II.—Provincial Small Cause Courts.

Provincial Small Cause Courts. *Table A 1.*

In Table A1 will be found details of the business coming before each Small Cause Court separately. The number of these Courts remained unchanged during the year under notice.

The total number of cases instituted and decided in the Small Cause Courts during the past two years, as well as the number pending at the close of each of these years, is shown below :—

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1882	53,271	54,356	3,204
1883	50,202	51,109	3,452
Difference .	— 3,069	— 1,366	+ 248

The increase or decrease in the number of cases instituted has been most marked in the following Courts and groups of Courts :—

	Increase.	Decrease.
Sealdah	1,053	...
Cuttack	...	1,035
Dacca and Munshigunge	...	1,014
Bhagulpore and Monghyr	..	673
Krishnaghur, &c.	...	637
Patna	...	636
Hooghly, &c.	521	...

The decrease in the institutions in the Krishnaghur group of Small Cause Courts is attributed to the depressed condition of the people consequent on the prevalence of epidemic fever during the past three years ; while the decrease in the Bhagulpore and Monghyr Courts is ascribed to the good harvest of the previous year, very little difficulty being experienced in realizing the amounts of small bonds. The development of trade in the suburbs has led to an increase in the Sealdah Small Cause Court.

A comparison of Table F1 appended to this Report with the corresponding table appended to the Report for 1882, shows that the decrease in the number of suits instituted, though common to contested and uncontested cases, was greater in respect of the latter.

§37. The following table shows the number of cases instituted during each of the past four years in the principal Courts and Circles :— Institutions of the last four years.

	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
Magoorah, Jhenidah, and Narail	7,864	6,321	4,734	4,626
Dacca and Munshigunge	7,283	6,740	6,298	5,284
Jessore	4,209	4,065	3,847	3,934
Kooshtea, Chooadanga, and Meherpore	4,555	4,613	6,078	6,305
Krishnaghur, Ranaghat, and Bongong	5,775	6,482	5,065	4,428
Sealdah	5,228	5,257	5,538	6,591
Hooghly, Howrah, and Serampore	5,413	5,595	6,373	5,894
Bhagulpore and Monghyr	4,418	4,858	5,192	4,513
Furreedpore	1,411	1,311	1,079	935

The increase in the pending files of the Small Cause Court at Sealdah, amounting to 231 cases, was due to a large increase in the institutions, for the number of cases decided by this Court in 1883 exceeded the number decided in 1882 by 925. In the Furreedpore Small Cause Court the number of cases decided was less than in the previous year, and the pending files were considerably heavier at the close than at the commencement of 1883. In the Dacca and Howrah Small Cause Courts the pending files showed much improvement.

§38. The following are the Courts or groups of Courts in which the number of contested cases was greatest in the past two years :— Contested cases. *Table F 1.*

	1882.	1883.
Sealdah	1,619	1,674
Hooghly, &c.	1,492	1,432
Kooshtea, &c.	1,376	1,212
Dacca and Munshigunge	1,202	1,072
Magoorah, &c.	1,024	1,011
Bhagulpore and Monghyr	861	750
Kishnaghur, &c.	848	724
Jessore	678	694

The relative position of the Courts in this respect remained unchanged during the year under notice.

Of 71,822 cases decided by 91 officers vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court for the trial of petty suits not exceeding ₹50 in value, and by one officer vested with those powers for the trial of suits not exceeding ₹100 in value, 10,998 or 15·3 per cent. were contested. Of the cases of the Small Cause Court class tried before officers not vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge, 34,387 were below ₹50 in value ; and 30,484 suits were above ₹50 and below ₹100. These figures afford even stronger grounds than those advanced in previous years for the extension to cases of the value of ₹100 of the powers with which Munsifs may be vested under the provisions of section 29 of Act VI of 1871. Value of suits instituted.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

IV.—THE HIGH COURT.

I.—Appeals under section 15 of the Letters Patent.

§39. The statement on the margin shows the number of appeals under section 15 of the Letters Patent, preferred against the decrees of the High Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction and decided in the years 1882 and 1883, respectively. The number of appeals before the Court in 1883 from the decrees of Judges of the High Court in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction, was 63, including 26 pending from the previous year. Of these 22 were decided and 41 remained unheard at the close of the year.

Class of Appeals.	Filed.		Decided.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
First Appeals	34	37	37	22
Second Appeals	2	...	...	1
Third Appeals	97	30	109	20

An opinion was expressed on a former occasion that second appeals "are prevented' by the operation of section 575 of the Code of Civil Procedure." During the current year, the question, whether, notwithstanding section 575 of the Code, a second appeal will lie when one of two Judges of a Division Bench has affirmed the decree of the Lower Court, was decided in the affirmative by a Full Bench.

Thirty *third* appeals were presented in 1883 against the order of a single Judge on appeal from an appellate decree in suits valued at less than ₹50, as against 97 in 1882. The further decrease shown by these figures is due to the fact that only 100 such decrees were passed by a single Judge as against 662 passed in the previous year. The results of third appeals in the past two years is shown below:—

	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Disposed of otherwise.
1882	88	...	10	10	1
1883	17	...	1	1	1

	Disposed of. 1882.	1883.
Disposed of by a single Judge .	662	100
Do. by a Bench of two Judges	588	564
TOTAL .	1,250	664

The figures on the margin show the number of appeals in suits valued at less than ₹50, decided by a single Judge of the Court and by Benches consisting of two Judges, respectively.

II.—Appeals from the Subordinate Civil Courts.

§40.—The number of first and second appeals from the decrees and orders of the Civil Courts which came before the High Court and were decided during the past two years is shown on the margin. These figures include appeals from Assam and British Burma. Of the first appeals brought before the Court in 1883, 40 were appeals in contested will cases, and of these 29 were decided.

Class of Appeals.	Preferred to the Court. 1882.	1883.	Decided. 1882.	1883.
First Appeals—				
From decrees	340	292	417	283
From orders	232	274	204	263
Second Appeals—				
From decrees	2,817	3,051	3,285	1,856
From orders	164	143	155	134

The following statement shows the manner in which the appeals brought before the Court came upon the file:—

			Instituted.	Received by transfer.	On review of judgment.	Revived.
APPEALS FROM .	Original .	Decrees . .	274	9	2	7
		Orders . .	274	...	...	...
	Appellate .	Decrees . .	3,034	...	3	14
		Orders . .	143	...	...	...

The number of appeals from the Subordinate Civil Courts decided by the High Court was 2,536 in the past as compared with 4,061 in the previous year, during a considerable portion of which the services of two Additional Judges were available. The decrease was common to all classes of appeals except appeals from the original orders of the Lower Courts, the number of which was 59 in excess of the number decided in 1882. The decrease was greatest in respect of appeals from the appellate decrees of Lower Courts.

§41. The pending files of appeals of all classes from the Mufassal increased from 3,297 in 1882 to 4,521 in 1883, as shown below—

	1882.	1883.	Increase.
First Appeals —			
From decrees	486	495	9
From orders	124	135	11
Second Appeals—			
From decrees	2,632	3,827	1,195
From orders	64	64	9
TOTAL .	3,297	4,521	1,224

§42. The following statement shows in a more complete form the work which has come before the High Court in its appellate jurisdiction during each of the past four years. It will be seen that the civil business of the Court is gradually increasing, while the criminal work shows a certain tendency to diminish.

	Brought before the Court.				Decided.			
	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
First appeals . From decrees .	396	346	349	292	356	327	417	283
First appeals . From orders .	231	224	232	274	252	223	204	263
Second appeals . From decrees .	2,566	2,351	2,817	3,051	2,245	2,617	3,285	1,856
Second appeals . From orders .	128	134	164	143	142	134	155	134
Appeals under the Letters Patent	45	163	133	67	55	150	146	43
References to a Full Bench .	14	12	14	4	16	8	7	15
Applications for review . .	33	75	46	57	33	75	46	57
References	38	28	30	29	37	25	34	28
Divorce cases	1	2	3	1	2	...	4	1
Criminal cases . . .	1,515	1,478	1,389	1,384	1,532	1,493	1,405	1,377

§43. The following table shows the number of Judges at the commencement of each month during the last three years, excluding those on leave or deputation :—

	1881.				1882.				1883.			
	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.
January . . .	4	5	1	10	5	7	2	14	5	6(*a*)	1	12
February . . .	5	6	1	12	5	7	2	14	5	6	1	12
March . . .	5	6	1	12	5	7	2	14	5(*b*)	6(*c*)	1	12
April . . .	5	6	1	12	4	7	2	13	5	6	1	12
May . . .	5	6	1	12	4	7	2	13	5	6	1	12
June . . .	5	6	1	12	4	7	2	13	5	6	1	12
July . . .	4	5	1	10	5	6	2	13	4(*d*)	5(*e*)	1	10
August . . .	4	5	1	10	4	5	1	10	4	5	1	10
September . . .	4	5	1	10	4	5	1	10	4	5	1	10
October . . .	4	6	1	11	4	5	1	10	4	5	1	10
November . . .	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	3(*f*)	5(*g*)	1	9
December . . .	5	6	1	12	4	5	1	10	3	5	1	9

(*a*) Mr. Justice Tottenham resumed his seat on the 4th January 1883.

(*b*) Mr. Justice Wilson having availed himself of furlough for 11 months on the 13th March 1883 Mr. Justice Wilkinson was appointed to officiate as a Judge.

(*c*) Mr. Justice Field having availed himself of furlough for 8 months on the 27th March 1883 Mr. Justice Macpherson was appointed to officiate as a Judge.

(*d*) Mr. Justice Cunningham availed himself on the 1st July 1883 of privilege leave for 2 months and 17 days.

(*e*) Mr. Justice Maclean availed himself on the 18th June 1883 of privilege leave for 3 months.

(*f*) Mr. Justice Cunningham resumed his seat on the re-opening of the Court after the Dussera vacation on the 19th November 1883.

Mr. Justice Norris availed himself on the 18th November 1883 of privilege leave for 1 month.

Mr. Justice Wilkinson availed himself on the 19th November 1883 of privilege leave for 3 months.

(*g*) Mr. Justice Field resumed his seat on the 17th November 1883 and the services of Mr. Macpherson were replaced at the disposal of the Government of Bengal.

Mr. Justice Maclean resumed his seat on the 17th November 1883.

Mr. Justice Prinsep availed himself on the 17th November 1883 of privilege leave for 1 month and 7 days.

§44. The following statement shows the state of the files of the High Court from year to year since its constitution :—

Number of appeals (civil and criminal) from the decisions of the Courts in the interior instituted in the years since the Establishment of the Court in 1862.

Years.	First appeals.	Second appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Criminal appeals.	Years.	First appeals.	Second appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Criminal appeals.
1862 (six months only).	359	1,666	180	781	1873 . .	327	3,024	405	1,438
1863 . .	595	3,659	361	798	1874 . .	348	3,225	535	1,370
1864 . .	485	3,728	495	866	1875 . .	329	2,966	400	1,169
1865 . .	417	3,638	715	1,040	1876 . .	367	2,945	413	1,210
1866 . .	460	3,438	854	1,121	1877 . .	343	2,658	363	1,107
1867 . .	382	3,466	665	1,396	1878 . .	302	2,621	337	1,248
1868 . .	273	3,334	557	1,095	1879 . .	358	3,001	297	1,271
1869 . .	285	3,047	558	1,214	1880 . .	354	2,490	356	1,406
1870 . .	296	2,731	492	1,296	1881 . .	334	2,334	353	1,424
1871 . .	287	1,397	365	1,294	1882 . .	330	2,789	393	1,349
1872 . .	290	1,985	347	1,518	1883 . .	283	3,084	417	1,325

Districts from which most appeals came. *Table Y.*

§45. Of the 283 appeals from original decrees instituted during the year under notice, 13 came from Assam and 1 from British Burma. The following districts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal sent up the largest numbers of appeals :—

Patna	36
Tirhoot	30
Gya	19
Hooghly	18
Dacca	17
Bhagulpore, including the Sonthal Pergunnahs	16

Less than four cases came from each of the following districts: Backergunge, Cuttack, Dinagepore, Tipperah, Chittagong, Jessore, Chota Nagpore, Beerbhoom, and Rungpore.

Appeals classed according to value.

§46. The following statement exhibits separately for each province the value of appeals from original and appellate decrees instituted during the year under review :—

	Appeals from original decrees.			Appeals from appellate decrees.	
	Valued at ₹10,000 and upwards.	Valued at less than ₹10,000.	Value not denotable in money.	Valued at more than ₹50.	Not exceeding ₹50 in value.
Lower Provinces of Bengal .	49	181	39	1,638	1,303
Assam	3	9	1	56	37
British Burma . . .	...	1	...	...	...
Total .	52	191	40	1,694	1,340

The greatest number of appeals below ₹50 in value came from the following districts :—

Tirhoot	246
Tipperah	100
Shahabad	92
Patna	88
Dacca	80
24-Pergunnahs	67
Hooghly	65
Mymensingh	65

§47. The following table shows in greater detail the value of appeals instituted during the year from the original and appellate decrees of the subordinate Civil Courts, and of third appeals under the Letters Patent:—

	Appeals from original decrees of subordinate Civil Courts.	Appeals from appellate decrees of subordinate Civil Courts.	Second and third appeals under the Letters Patent.
Not exceeding ₹ 10	...	350	7
„ „ „ 50	2	990	22
„ „ „ 100	...	467	1
„ „ „ 500	29	848	...
„ „ „ 1,000	26	182	...
„ „ „ 5,000	72	191	...
„ „ „ 10,000	58	...	...
„ „ „ 1,00,000	46	...	...
Exceeding „ 1,00,000	5	...	...
Value not denotable	45(*a*)	6	...
TOTAL	283	3,034	30

(*a*) Forty of these were will cases.

§48. Forty-seven appeals from original decrees, 103 appeals from appellate decrees, and 27 miscellaneous appeals, were either summarily rejected, dismissed in default, withdrawn or compromised, thus:— Results of Appeals.

	Appeals from original decrees.	Appeals from appellate decrees.	Miscellaneous appeals.
Summarily rejected	...	...	...
Dismissed in default	34	52	10
Withdrawn	6	26	9
Compromised	7	25	8

The results of appeals as affecting the decisions of the Lower Court in the cases disposed of after hearing are shown below:—

	Appeals from original decrees.	Appeals from appellate decrees.	Miscellaneous appeals.
Affirmed	148	1,336	283
Reversed	41	115	50
Varied	33	42	9
Remanded	14	260	28

The decisions of the Lower Courts were reversed or varied in 31·3 per cent. of appeals from original decrees, in 8·9 per cent. of appeals from appellate decrees, and in 15·9 per cent. of miscellaneous appeals.

The following table shows the result of appeals decided by the High Court as affecting District and Subordinate Judges:—

	AFFIRMED.		MODIFIED OR REVERSED.	
	Judges.	Subordinate Judges.	Judges.	Subordinate Judges.
Appeals from original decrees	26	122	9	65
Appeals from appellate decrees	525	811	76	81
Miscellaneous appeals	151	132	30	29

The proportion of cases in which orders of remand were passed, or in which the Lower Court was directed to take further evidence, to the number decided by the High Court after hearing, is given in the margin. These cases came principally from Shahabad, Hooghly, Tirhoot, Sarun, and Bhagulpore.

	Percentage		
	1881	1882	1883.
Appeals from original decrees	12·95	5 69	5·93
Appeals from appellate decrees	12·6	17·09	14·83
Miscellaneous appeals	11·	11 51	7·56

Appeals to the Privy Council.

§49. The following statement shows the number of appeals to Her Majesty in Council filed in the High Court on the Appellate Side since the institution of the Court:—

Years.	Total number of appeals filed.				Appeals struck off, compromised, &c.				Despatched to England.			
	In first appeals.		In second appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In first appeals.		In second appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In first appeals.		In second appeals.	Miscellaneous.
	Above ₹ 10,000.	Below ₹ 10,000.			Above ₹ 10,000.	Below ₹ 10,000.			Above ₹ 10,000.	Below ₹ 10,000.		
1862 (half year only)	9	3	3	...	2	3	3	...	7	...	...	...
1863 . . .	76	17	4	...	32	10	2	..	44	7	2	...
1864 . . .	98	22	10	1	49	16	9	1	49	6	1	...
1865 . . .	58	13	11	2	21	10	6	1	37	3	5	1
1866 . . .	47	12	7	5	16	7	4	3	31	5	3	2
1867 . . .	30	11	54	2	15	3	2	1	15	8	52	1
1868 . . .	40	15	9	5	16	8	7	1	24	7	2	4
1869 . . .	38	4	1	3	7	1	...	2	31	3	1	1
1870 . . .	29	13	4	10	5	7	2	7	24	6	2	3
1871 . . .	16	7	6	2	2	3	3	2	14	4	3	...
1872 . . .	11	8	6	6	2	5	5	6	9	3	1	...
1873 . . .	24	10	8	4	9	8	6	1	15	2	2	2
1874 . . .	28	15	17	11	7	9	14	10	21	6	3	1
1875 . . .	24	9	6	4	12	4	5	1	12	5	1	3
1876 . . .	19	21	6	5	13	11	2	4	5	12	4	1
1877 . . .	29	18	6	12	13	12	6	9	15	2	...	3
1878 . . .	28	6	11	10	12	5	10	4	16	1	1	2
1879 . . .	33	13	4	7	21	10	2	4	15*	8*	3*	2*
1880 . . .	22	10	5	8	13	6	2	3	17*	3*	2	7*
1881 . . .	27	18	5	7	9*	9*	4*	1*	9*	3*	2*	4*
1882 . . .	36	24	13	3	25*	10*	5*	3*	8*	3*	...	2*
1883 . . .	20	16	2	9	11	12	9	3	10	2	...	1
Total .	742	285	198	116	312	169	108	66	428	99	90	40

* Revised figures.

Of 1,341 cases filed in the past 21½ years, 645 were struck off, compromised, or withdrawn, and 657 were despatched to England. Thirty-nine cases were pending preparation and despatch to England at the close of 1883.

The following table shows the result of the appeals to the Privy Council, in which the judgments on appeal have been received during the past six years. Besides the cases here entered as decided in 1883, one appeal was dismissed for want of prosecution :—

Years.	Judgments received from Privy Council.	Decision of the Court affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.
1878	9	4	3	2	...
1879	22	12	8	2	...
1880	18	11	7	...	...
1881	15	13*	1	1	...
1882	14*	11*	3*	...	...
1883	17	15	2	...	...
Total .	95	66	24	5	...

* Revised figures.

V.—APPELLATE COURTS UNDER THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals instituted *Table J.*

§50. The number of appeals in regular suits instituted and decided in the Local Courts during the past three years, as also the number pending at the close of each of these years respectively, is shown below :—

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1881	19,792	18,579	14,840
1882	19,501	22,337	12,696
1883	17,457	18,590	12,129

A decrease in the number of appeals preferred during 1883 was observable in the following districts:—

	Preferred. 1882.	1883.	Decrease.
Tirhoot	1,667	967	700
Dacca	899	613	286
Shahabad	1,106	830	276
Hooghly	920	660	260
Sarun	874	618	256

An increase took place in eight districts, for five of which, where it was greatest, the figures are given below:—

	Preferred. 1882.	1883.	Increase.
Tipperah	1,538	1,806	268
Chittagong	959	1,219	260
Jessore	724	860	136
Noakholly	396	520	124
Moorshedabad	293	394	101

A large number of analogous rent appeals instituted in 1882 had swelled the Tirhoot files of that year, so that the increase there was more apparent than real. A similar cause accounts to some extent, but not entirely, for the increase in Dacca.

The transfer of the Satkhira sub-division from the 24-Pergunnahs to Jessore has affected the returns for those districts. The decrease in the Hooghly District is attributed by the District Judge mainly to his practice of hearing every appeal under section 551 of the Civil Procedure Code shortly after its institution,—a practice which has greatly checked the institution of frivolous appeals. Evidence of the correctness of this theory is found in the fact that the decrease was most marked in rent appeals and in appeals for money or movables, the classes of cases in which appeals are most frequently preferred with the object rather of harassing the opposite party than of obtaining a remedy for injustice. Appeals in title and other suits have remained practically stationary. The District Judges of Burdwan and Dinagepore attribute a diminution in the institution of appeals to the increasing cost of copies under the recent scheme for preparing copies and the high scale of Court-fees. In the first-named district the number of appeals has decreased steadily since these enhanced charges have been made.

§51. The falling off in the number of appeals filed had as a result a decrease in the number of appeals decided, notwithstanding which there was a reduction in the total number pending at the close of the year. The fluctuations in appeals decided are most marked in the following districts:—

Appeals disposed of.

Increase.		Decrease.	
Pubna and Bogra	348	Tirhoot	1,001
Cuttack	232	Shahabad	866
Patna	206	Midnapore	614
Mymensingh	185	Hooghly	494
Furreedpore	147	Bhagulpore	392
Sarun	131	Dacca	281

The arrears of pending appeals increased in the following districts:—

	1882.	1883.	Increase.
Backergunge	402	801	399
Tipperah	1,137	1,472	335
Chittagong	828	1,135	307
Bhagulpore	527	716	189
Moorshedabad	50	200	150

In the following districts a considerable decrease is observable:—

	1882.	1883.	Decrease.
Tirhoot	973	438	535
Mymensingh	896	564	332
Sarun	818	502	316
Pubna and Bogra	433	209	224
Patna	575	403	172
Furreedpore	579	414	165

The increase in the arrears in Backergunge was due to the temporary deputation to Tipperah of the Second Subordinate Judge, but it is unsatisfactory to observe that this measure effected no improvement in the latter district. The accumulation of arrears at Chittagong is unsatisfactory, but it is hoped that the arrears will be reduced during the present year. It has been found necessary to appoint a more energetic officer to this district as District Judge.

The number of cases decided by the subordinate Civil Courts, in which an appeal lay to the District Court, was 70,325 in the past year as compared with 71,924 in 1882. The ratio of appeals to decisions was therefore 24·5 for the past as compared with 26·8 per cent. for the previous year. The percentage was highest in the following districts :—

	1882.	1883.
Gya	50·37	41·5
Sarun	47·52	40·07
Patna	60·99	40·01
Shahabad	45·18	38·44

Appeals classed. *Table L.*

§ 52. The following figures show for each of the two past years the number of appeals filed under each of the three chief classes of suits :—

	Suits for Money or Movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other Suits.
1882	3,390	9,506	6,605
1883	3,316	8,326	5,815

Appeals valued. *Table M.*

§ 53. The value of appeals of each of these three classes instituted in 1882 and 1883 is shown in the following statement :—

	Suits for Money or Movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other Suits.	Total.
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1882	7,26,779	7,13,889	14,30,451	28,74,119
1883	7,03,976	6,90,509	11,04,542	24,99,027

§54. The following table gives details of the value of appeals instituted during the past year in the Lower Appellate Courts :—

Scale of Values.	Number of Appeals.			
	Suits for Money or Movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other Suits.	Total.
Not exceeding ₹ 10	119	1,869	726	2,714
„ „ „ 50	688	3,640	2,100	6,428
„ „ „ 100	1,024	1,299	1,069	3,392
„ „ „ 500	1,181	1,263	1,306	3,750
„ „ „ 1,000	184	152	262	598
„ „ „ 5,000	120	69	259	448
Value not stated	...	34	93	127
Total	3,316	8,326	5,815	17,457

Of 17,457 appeals 17,009 or 98·1 per cent. were triable either by District or Subordinate Judges. In the remainder the Subordinate Judges were the Courts of first instance, and the appeal lay therefore to the District Judge.

§55. The following statement shows the result of appeals in the past two years as affecting the decisions of the Lower Courts:— Disposal of Appeals. *Table N.*

	Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.		Remanded.		Otherwise determined	
	Number.	Percentage of whole.	Number.	Percentage of whole.	Number.	Percentage of whole.	Number.	Percentage of whole.	Number.	Percentage of whole.
1882 . .	12,787	57·25	2,759	12·35	4,129	18·48	752	3·37	1,910	8·55
1883 . .	10,503	56·49	1,938	10·43	3,928	21·13	677	3·64	1,544	8·31

The proportion of cases, in which the decision of the First Court was upheld, was best in Pubna and Bogra (71·2 per cent.), Gya (66 per cent.), Beerbhoom (63·4 per cent.), Mymensingh (63·2 per cent.), and Shahabad (63 per cent.), and not so good in Tirhoot (46 per cent.), Cuttack (46·7 per cent.), and Patna (49·3 per cent.)

The following table shows the number of "Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts" instituted, and decided, during each of the past two years, as also the number pending at the close of each of these years respectively:— Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts. *Table O.*

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1882	1,802	1,829	452
1883	2,166	1,992	668

An increase in the institution of such cases is observable in Tipperah Tirhoot, Midnapore, and in the 24-Pergunnahs. In Dacca a large decrease —from 114 to 50 cases—took place. The disposals in the past year did not equal the institutions, and the pending files rose from 452 in 1882 to 668 in 1883. The increase in pending cases was, however, almost confined to Tirhoot, where a large number of institutions took place towards the close of December 1883.

VI.—GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.

§56. The work done by District Judges during each of the past four years (1880—1883) is shown in the following table:— Work done by District Judges. *Table P1.*

	Days.		Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Cases before Appellate Courts.	Sessions Trials.	Criminal Appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1880 . . .	3,994	3,179	251	6,889	7,775	1,289*	1,573	3,194
1881 . . .	4,344	3,020	298	6,619	7,606	1,185*	1,476	3,462
1882 . . .	4,448	3,138	354	6,901	9,052	1,405	1,512	3,642
1883 . . .	4,246	3,085	535	5,858	6,871	1,539	1,372	4,385
Fluctuation in 1883 compared with 1882	—202	—53	+181	—1,043	—2,181	+134	—140	—743

* Miscellaneous appeals only.

The decrease in the number of regular appeals heard by District Judges was due in a great measure to the increasing demand made upon their time by their other duties. The increase in the number of original suits decided by District Judges was common to all districts except Beerbhoom, Bancoorah, Chittagong, Hooghly, and Noakhally. No such suits were decided by the District Judges of Cuttack, Sarun, and Chota Nagpore. There was a falling off in the number of appeals heard by the District Judge of the 24-Pergunnahs owing to the complicated nature of some of the appeals which came before him, to a heavy partnership case which occupied much time, to several tedious Land Acquisition cases, and a large number of criminal appeals. Several District Judges have

brought to the notice of the Court the inconvenience at present caused by section 265 of the Indian Contract Act under the provisions of which all partnership cases, however trivial, must be heard by the District Judge. The Court has recently addressed the Government of India on the subject.

Work done by Additional Judges. *Table P2.*

§ 57. The following statement shows the amount of work, civil and criminal, done by Additional Judges during the past four years :—

	Days.		Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Cases before Appellate Courts.	Sessions Trials.	Criminal Appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1880 . . .	275	198	6	154	517	74	133	...
1881 . . .	248	165	...	107	507	36	139	1
1882 . . .	114	140	2	10	258	11	104	...
1883 . . .	94	149	1	1	204	1	109	...
Difference as compared with 1882 . .	—20	+9	—1	—9	—54	—10	+5	...

There was a considerable falling off in the amount of work done by the Additional District and Sessions Judge of the 24-Pergunnahs and Hooghly as compared with that done in 1882.

Work done by Subordinate Judges. *Table P3.*

§ 58. The amount of work done by Subordinate Judges during the past four years was as follows :—

	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Cases before Appellate Courts.
1880	5,147	7,427	9,267	65 *
1881	5,113	6,128	10,466	27 *
1882	4,943	6,703	13,027	413
1883	5,403	6,714	11,514	452

* These are miscellaneous appeals only, heard by Deputy Commissioners, who are also Subordinate Judges in Chota Nagpore.

The Small Cause Court Judge of Cuttack, who exercises the powers of a Subordinate Judge and Munsif, disposed in the latter capacity of only six execution cases. The Subordinate Judge of Dinagepore exercises similar powers, and the work done by him in this capacity is exhibited separately in Table P4. In Purneah the Subordinate Judge is vested with the powers of a Judge of a Court of Small Causes for the trial of cases cognizable by such Courts up to the limit of ₹50 in value, and the Subordinate Judge of Rungpore exercises similar powers for the trial of such cases up to the limit of ₹100 in value.

Judicial Staff.

§ 59. At the close of 1883 there were employed in the Province 49 Subordinate Judges and 13 Small Cause Court Judges vested with the powers of Subordinate Judges. Of the former four were Deputy Commissioners; four, Assistant Commissioners vested with the powers of a Subordinate Judge; and four were Covenanted Civil Servants vested with similar powers in respect of original suits only. In 1882 there were 47 Subordinate Judges (inclusive of Deputy Commissioners and Covenanted Officers), and 13 Small Cause Court Judges vested with the powers of a Subordinate Judge. The increase in the number of Subordinate Judges is due to the appointment of an Additional Subordinate Judge to Furreedpore, Gya, and Tipperah, and to the investiture of two Assistant Commissioners in Chota Nagpore with Small Cause Court powers. Subordinate Judges were withdrawn from Bankura, Purneah, and Tirhoot.

Two Covenanted Civil Servants exercised the functions of Subordinate Judges. Five cases only were tried by these officers. As observed in the Report for 1882, the scheme under which Junior Covenanted Civilians were vested with the powers of Civil Court Judges has proved of little or no practical value as a means of training the officers in question, and it has in other respects not worked satisfactorily. Since the close of the year under report the Court have found it necessary to recommend its abandonment to Government.

§60. The following figures show the number of suits and miscellaneous cases decided by Munsifs during each of the past three years:— Work done by Munsifs. *Table P 4.*

Year.	Original Suits disposed of under ordinary Procedure.		Original Suits disposed of under Small Cause Court Procedure.		Total.	Miscellaneous Cases.
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.		
1881 . .	79,117	203,006	7,345	39,993	329,461	148,958
1882 . .	73,501	206,189	9,783	58,111	347,584	160,121
1883 . .	73,891	207,672	10,696	59,982	351,741	164,278

Two hundred and thirty-one Munsifs were employed at the close of 1883 as compared with 230 at the close of 1882. Besides these officers, two Assistant Commissioners and ten Covenanted Civil Servants were vested with the powers of a Munsif.

The amount of work done by the Covenanted Munsifs during the past year is shown below:—

Districts.	Suits.				Miscellaneous Cases.		
	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of Decree.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Burdwan (*Sadr*) . . .	13	11	4	28	1	...	...
Moorshedabad (*Sadr*) . . .	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Nuddea	15	8	8	31	...	...	...
Pubna and Bogra (Serajgunge) . .	8	6	9	23	10	2	...
Rungpore (*Sadr*)	52	27	42	121	...	21	...
Sarun (Chupra)	16	6	11	33	2	...	...
Shahabad (Buxar)	13	...	28	41	3	...	...
Tirhoot (Tajpore)	34	10	21	65	...	4	...
24-Pergunnahs (Alipore) . .	10	3	20	33	1	...	...
Total .	161	71	143	375	20	27	...

§61. Including the High Court and the Presidency Small Cause Court, the receipts of the Civil Courts for the year under review amounted to R77,13,146; and the charges to R46,32,645. The profit, therefore, to the Government from civil litigation amounted to R30,80,501—a sum exceeding the surplus of 1882 by R1,10,007 and that of the preceding year by R3,09,952. Receipts and Charges of the Civil Courts. *Tables R and S.*

Taking the Courts at the Presidency by themselves, the charges exceeded the receipts by R2,15,693, thus:—

Receipts.		R	*Charges.*		R
In stamps .	Process fees .	2,79,967	Salaries of Judicial Officers .		5,96,602
	Other fees .	4,16,392	Establishment .	Process-servers	19,753
In cash .	Fines . .	1,011		Others . .	4,45,431
	Other receipts .	2,46,947	Contingencies and refunds . .		98,224
Total .		9,44,317	Total .		11,60,010

	R
Receipts	67,68,829
Charges	34,72,635
	32,96,194

In the Civil Courts outside the Presidency Town the net financial result for the past year was a surplus of R32,96,194. Courts outside the Presidency Town.

Deducting from both sides of the account the charges on account of process-

servers paid by regular salaries, which amount in the aggregate to R6,38,012 for 1883, the accounts for the last three years stand thus:—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.
	R	R	R
1881	55,56,072	25,72,602	29,83,470
1882	59,78,898	27,62,031	32,16,867
1883	61,30,817	28,34,623	32,96,194

The surplus obtained in 1883 was therefore R79,327 in excess of that obtained in 1882: and the surplus of 1882 exceeded that of 1881 by R2,33,397.

§62. The following statement gives separately and in detail the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts outside the Presidency Town during the year under review:—

Detail of Receipts and Charges.

Receipts.		R	*Charges.*		R
In stamps	Process fees	18,53,979	Salaries of Judicial Officers		17,20,531
	Other fees	44,00,524	Establishment	Process-servers	6,38,012
In cash or special stamps	Fines	56,456		Salaried copying and comparing clerks	35,184
	Copying and comparing fees	3,77,080		Others	7,75,826
	Other receipts	80,790	Contingencies	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment	1,56,562
				Other contingencies and refunds	1,46,520
	TOTAL	67,68,829		TOTAL	34,72,635

Deducting the cost of process-servers and of copying and comparing clerks (inclusive of the copyists not on the fixed establishment), the net receipts from stamps amounted to R58,01,825. Under the head of process-fees alone, the net gain to Government for the past year was R12,15,967 as compared with R11,88,908 for 1882.

§63. The financial result for the past year of the system of preparing copies recently introduced into the subordinate Civil Courts is shown below—

Copyist Department.

	R	R
Copying and comparing fees realized by special stamps . . .		3,77,080
Deduct—		
Salary of copying and comparing clerks on the fixed establishment	35,184	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment .	1,56,562	
		1,91,746
Surplus . .		1,85,334

The surplus obtained in 1883, which does not include special charges for urgent copies, was R39,548 in excess of that of 1882.

§64. The following statement shows the financial results of the year for each grade of Courts:—

Financial Result for each grade of Courts.

	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus or Deficit.
Courts outside the Presidency Town.	R	R	R
Small Cause Courts	4,44,907	2,31,589	+2,13,318
Munsifs' Courts	44,45,254	16,63,371	+27,81,880
Subordinate Judges' Courts	9,59,257	4,76,537	+4,75,720
District and Additional Judges' Courts . .	9,29,411	11,01,138	—1,74,727
Courts at the Presidency.			
Small Cause Courts	2,82,968	2,11,014	+71,954
High Courts (Original and Appellate) . .	6,61,349	9,48,996	—2,87,647

. The deficit in the High Court was confined to the Appellate Side, where the receipts fell short of the expenditure by ₹4,64,779. On the Original Side the receipts exceeded the expenditure by ₹1,77,132.

§ 65. A very important source of revenue from the subordinate Civil Courts is derived from the fee of ₹1 realized for administering the oath in the case of affidavits under The Code of Civil Procedure other than (1) affidavits made by process-servers regarding the manner of service of processes, and (2) affidavits made by public officers in virtue of their office. This fee was first levied in the latter end of 1878, and has yielded a large and rapidly-increasing income. The figures for 1878 and 1879 are incomplete, the returns having been furnished to the Court in different forms ; but the receipts for the following years are given below :— Income from Fees on Affidavits.

	₹
1880	58,870
1881	87,343
1882	1,06,334
1883	1,16,150

The revenue from this source has been raised without any corresponding increase of expenditure other than the trifling cost of court-fee stamps, and has been therefore a net source of profit to the Government. Its realization has, however, involved a very substantial increase of labour to the officers appointed by the District Judges and Munsifs to administer affidavits without any corresponding improvement of their position and emoluments. The District Judges and Munsifs have for the most part appointed their Serishtadars to be Commissioners, and the Court has recently again urged upon the Local Government the desirability of making some allowance to these officers (whose position ought to be improved, as the Government of Bengal has more than once acknowledged) for the extra work thus imposed upon them. The Court would wish to see the salaries of Serishtadars raised; but if in the present state of the provincial finances this is not feasible, the Judges are of opinion that some allowance should be made to them as Commissioners of Affidavits.

§ 66. Under the head of fees on probates and letters of administration, ₹3,08,792 were realized in the past as compared with ₹3,18,718 in the previous year. The amount levied in the District Courts was ₹87,389 in 1883 against ₹93,067 in 1882. In the High Court, omitting cases in which the assets were situated exclusively in the Province of Assam, the amount of duty realized was ₹2,21,403 as compared with ₹2,25,651 in 1882. Probates, &c. *Table T.*

The sums here shown are treated in account as receipts of the Civil Courts. Deducting these, the surplus or net revenue realized from such Courts was, in the past year, ₹27,71,709.

§ 67. The surplus revenue derived from the Civil Courts is so large that the Judges desire to take the present opportunity of drawing attention to the very insufficient expenditure which the Government has in recent years found it possible to devote to the improvement of judicial buildings in the Mufassal. The condition of these buildings has been frequently brought to notice and must be presumed to be known to the Government through the reports of the Public Works officials. Many of them are from their construction and appearance totally unfit for Courts of Justice; and the majority of them are from their liability to fire, exposure to damp or other causes, unsuited for the safe custody of valuable documents. It is not reasonable to expect that an officer sitting in a confined dark damp office into which his utmost efforts cannot import decent order should take that interest in the proper disposal of his records and in the neatness of his proceedings which is essential to the proper performance of his duties. In 1878 after a lengthy correspondence with the Government of Bengal, it was decided that new Court-houses should be built for Munsifs and Subordinate Judges on a standard plan and that a sum of about ₹50,000 should be set apart yearly for that purpose and for improving the already existing buildings. The promised expenditure, though insufficient for the purpose, was welcomed by the Court as being in excess of that of previous years, and as likely at all events to improve the condition of the worst Courts. Since the year 1878, however, in only one year has the full amount been allotted. In one year the amount allotted fell Condition of the Court-houses in the Mufassal.

short by about R1,500 of the sum specified, and in the remaining years, as will be seen from the figures given in the margin (which have been supplied by the Local Government), the expenditure has fallen short of the promised amount by more than one-fourth. During the current year the estimated expenditure is little over a quarter of a lakh of rupees, and all recent references to the Government of Bengal on the subject of new Court-houses for particular stations have been met with the reply that "owing to want of funds it has not been found possible to make any progress with the new Court-house." The following remarks regarding the condition of some of the Court-houses in the Mufassal have been briefly abstracted from the District Reports for 1883 :—

	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.	Budget grant. 1884-85.
	R	R	R	R	R	R
Munsifs' Courts . .	...	28,694	32,964	38,584	45,992	25,800
Subordinate Judges' Courts	..	...	1,060	12,093	2,447	...
	...	28,694	34,024	50,677	48,439*	25,800

* These figures are subject to correction as the books of the Department for 1883-84 were not finally closed when the figures were submitted.
N.B.—Expenditures on petty works costing below R200 each are excluded from the above figures.

Backergunge.—A Court-house (thatched roof, mat walls, and earthen plinth) for the 3rd Munsif of Patuakhali, in course of erection, is the only amelioration of the accommodation secured since date of last annual report. The Court-house for the Barisal Munsif is not yet begun.

Bankura.—The Court-houses at Bishnupur and Gangajalghati are of thatched structure.

Beerbhoom.—The Balpur Munsif's Court-house is a mat-walled erection constructed by the Public Works Department on the superseded plan for dry districts and is exceedingly ill-adapted for the purposes of a Court. There is no security for records in it. The Dubrajpur building is a small thatched house, quite insufficient for the accommodation of the Court, its records, and the public, and being near the bazar is not safe from fire.

Dinagepore.—The Court-house at Hemtabad is an old, rickety, straw-thatched *kacha* building, and liable to take fire, being adjacent to the local bazar. The buildings at Thakurgaon, Chintamon, and Patnitola are also thatched. The house at the last-named station is ill arranged for light, fresh air, and coolness.

Furreedpore.—Masonry floors have been put down in some of the outlying thatched Court-houses, otherwise there is no change since last year.

Nuddea.—The Court at Chuadanga is held in a bungalow with one room, comprising an area of 20 cubits by 21, in which the office is also accommodated, while that at Meherpur is held in a thatched mud-walled building, the office of the Court being accommodated in the verandas. A new Court-house has been sanctioned for Bongong, but no action has been taken in the matter, because the site for the building has not been selected. The Court at Ranaghat is held in a dark and ill-ventilated thatched hut with very limited accommodation, &c., and infested with white-ants. The office is held in the verandas.

Patna.—The Court buildings are exceedingly defective owing to the increase of business in Patna. The copyists sit in a veranda where they are frozen by the north-wind in the winter, grilled by the west winds in the hot season, and wetted by every heavy shower during the rains.

Pubna and Bogra.—The buildings of the Subordinate Judicial Officers are as last year, except that for the Subordinate Judge a *pucka* house has been rented. At Nawabganj the house provided by the Public Works Department is so bad, the Munsif has to vacate it continually.

Rajshahye.—The Malda Court-house consists of some low ill-ventilated and dingy out-offices attached to the Collectorate cutcheries. Two glass doors have been added to the present Court-room, and this has relieved the Munsif from clouds of dust in the dry weather.

Rungpore.—At the outlying Munsifis there are still the same wretched mat and thatch buildings. The Julpaiguri Subordinate Judge's Court-house is a mat building with an iron roof and boarded floors, and the noise made by the voices and the feet of the office establishment and the public is such as to render it out of the question to work there. The Subordinate Judge consequently works at his private bungalow.

Shahabad.—The buildings both at head-quarters and at Sahsaram are in a bad state. The roof of the Judge's Court-house is propped up with posts to prevent it from falling.

Tipperah.—No change in the interior is reported, Government not seeing fit to undertake the construction for the present of Court-houses on the standard plan.

Tirhoot.—The Court building at Tajpur is in a very dilapidated condition.

24-Pergunnahs.—The new building sanctioned in 1883 for the District Judge's Court has not been commenced for want of funds; but accommodation is urgently needed for the records which are expected to be deposited during the current year. The present Court is unsuited for the purpose to which it is applied, and its locality is far too remote for the convenience of both the public and the officials. The house constructed at Basirhat in 1881 is also not suitable for the purposes of the Munsifs' Courts there. The present building at Diamond Harbour erected in 1871 does not afford sufficient accommodation for the three Munsifs stationed there. The third Munsif with the establishment of the three Munsifs is accommodated in the lower story, which is utterly unfit for habitation. The Court should be removed to the railway side of the Diamond Harbour creek as being more convenient to the public.

§68. The receipts and disbursements on account of Civil Court Amins during 1882-83 were as follow :— Civil Court Amins. *Table U.*

		Receipts.	Disbursements.
		₹	₹
1882	Permanent Amins	35,469	33,760
	Temporary	5,598	4,338
1883	Permanent Amins	36,381	34,035
	Temporary	7,357	5,410

Allowing in account a deduction of 10 per cent. for pensions, the total receipts exceeded the expenditure by ₹4,293 in the past as compared with ₹2,969 in the previous year. Taking each district separately, deficits appear in the returns of Shahabad, Chittagong, and Jessore. The total number of Civil Court Amins employed at the close of 1883 was 48 as compared with 47 at the close of 1882.

Local investigations were held and completed in 1,481 cases as compared with 1,429 in 1882. The increase was most marked in cases valued between ₹5 and ₹10 and between ₹500 and ₹1,000. Local investigations. *Table V.*

The average value of the property in dispute in the suits in which investigations were made was ₹788·3, and the average cost ₹30·6. The corresponding figures for 1882 were ₹955·1 and ₹32.

§69. The following statement shows the number of applications for a declaration of insolvency filed, determined, and pending in 1882 and 1883 :— Proceedings in Insolvency. *Table W.*

	Instituted.	Determined.	Pending.
1882	370	380	75
1883	477	456	96

These applications increase yearly. During the past year they were most numerous in the following districts :—

	Filed in 1881.	Filed in 1882.
24-Pergunnahs	45	63
Hooghly	49	44
Backergunge	24	40
Bhagulpore	20	29
Dacca	29	25
Patna	8	24
Tipperah	24	21

Less than 10 applications were made in the districts of Chota Nagpore, Shahabad, Furreedpore, Cuttack, Jessore, Dinagepore, and Purneah.

The provisions of section 344 of Act XIV of 1882, which enable a decree-holder to have his judgment-debtor declared an insolvent, have not been put in force for two years.

Including 75 pending at the close of 1882, the total number of applications on the files during 1883 was 552. Of these 174 were granted, 154 were rejected, 128 were withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted, and 96 were pending at the close of the year. Disposal of Applications.

Twenty-one of the applications granted resulted in the appointment of a Receiver, and 17 of those rejected in sentences of imprisonment under section 359 of the Code of Civil Procedure. In one case the applicant was sent to a Magistrate to be dealt with according to law.

The respective numbers of persons declared insolvent, of persons who obtained their discharge, and of persons who remained undischarged during the years 1882 and 1883, are given below :— Number of persons declared Insolvent and discharged. *Table W 1.*

	Declared to be insolvents.	Discharged.	Pending.
1882	117	114	5
1883	177	173	9

	1882.	1883.
24-Pergunnahs	11	27
Backergunge	3	20
Bhagulpore	11	16
Patna	1	12
Tipperah	12	12
Tirhoot	5	10

The districts noted on the margin show the largest number of persons declared insolvent No orders in insolvency were made in Chittagong.

Of the 177 persons declared insolvent, 72 or over 40 per cent. were connected with land either as cultivators (27), labourers (19), petty tenure-holders (13), or zamindars (3); 28, or nearly 16 per cent., were petty traders and shopkeepers; the remainder included 13 persons without employment or of uncertain occupation and 7 professional beggars.

The estates of 27 insolvents, including those remaining unsettled at the close of 1882, were in the hands of Receivers during 1883. Proceedings in the case of six of these were finally closed during the year. The numbers of estates placed in the Receiver's hands during each of the past two years were 11 and 16 respectively. The amounts realized and disbursed, and the balances in the hands of Receivers during each of those years, are shown below :—

	Amount realized.	Amount disbursed.	Balance.
	₹	₹	₹
1882	1,561	1,571	9
1883	2,586	1,311	1,284

The discrepancy between the sum of ₹9 shown as remaining in the Receiver's hands at the close of 1882 and the sum of ₹292 mentioned in last year's Report is due to the fact that as the creditors did not come forward to receive their claims in cases in which the proceedings were closed, the amounts were deposited in the Treasury, and do not appear again in the returns of the Civil Courts.

The following remarks relating to the manner in which the provisions of Chapter XX of the Code of Civil Procedure have been applied in their districts are extracted from the district reports :—

Jessore.—"There were six applications during the year; of these two were struck off, not being proceeded with; the other four, in which the debts amounted to Rs. 6,000, were opposed by the creditors,—in three cases successfully. In one instance the petitioner was sentenced to six months' imprisonment under the provisions of section 359 of the Civil Procedure Code. The applicants were tenure-holders; unsuccessful litigation was the cause of their embarrassments, and the applications under section 344 were made in the hope that on the surrender of a few pots and pans, "shares" in *baris* and other property of questionable value, debts due to old opponents would be scored off without any real loss to the losing suitor. Persons of this class appear to be the only parties who attempt to avail themselves of the benefits of the provisions of a law intended for the assistance of the unfortunate."

Rungpore.—"The requirement of the present Civil Procedure Code that applications for declaration of insolvency should be made to the District Court is hard on the applicants and hard on the Court. It entails on the former heavier expenses than if their applications were heard by Munsifs, and takes up the time of the latter, for the most part, with very petty matters indeed, while important appeals and original cases are kept back. A discretion might, I think, be left with the Court before which an arrested debtor is brought to release him, on his furnishing security to pay off his debt within a certain time. It may be important to a cultivator to be at his work just at that time, or a well-to-do man may be arrested at a distance from friends, but might be able to pay up if he could communicate with them, and so forth."

Tipperah.—"There has been some decrease in insolvency cases brought to trial during the year, and I was able to dispose of them with but little encroachment on my time. Further experience leads me to doubt whether I was right last year in proposing to give Munsifs jurisdiction in this description of cases. They are no doubt important, and each case often affects a considerable number of persons.

"I would suggest, however, that the publication in the *Calcutta Gazette* under section 354, Civil Procedure Code, be left to the discretion of the Judge and not made compulsory. In any cases affecting only a ryot and perhaps one or two mahajans in an obscure mufassal village, it is no use to publish the case in the Gazette which nobody concerned is ever in the least likely to see, and the costs of publication come to some Rs. 3 or so which would be better given to the creditors."

24-Pergunnahs.—"The provisions of the law under Chapter XX of the Code have in their practical working given rise to difficulties in several respects.

"Section 349 empowers the Court to release a judgment-debtor on bail, only when he is *under arrest*; but gives no authority to the Court to direct the release of a man who has already been taken to jail. This causes great hardship in cases where an unfortunate debtor

is on the day of his being brought into Court unable to find security but whose friends afterwards find means of doing so when he is in jail.

"Insolvent Courts in the Mufassal should also be allowed the power to grant *ad interim* protection orders as in the insolvency jurisdiction of the High Court. Such a power is very much needed to prevent a judgment-debtor, who has applied for insolvency, from being harassed by a number of warrants for arrest, and the absence of such a power is greatly felt.

Section 354 has remained a dead letter in this district, and notifications are very rarely issued, since the cost of notification in the Gazette cannot in most cases be met from the funds placed at the Court's disposal."

§70. The following extracts, relating to the effect of the Transfer of Property Act on the work of the Courts, are made in the reports of the District Judges of Noakhally and of the 24-Pergunnahs:—

Operation of the Transfer of Property Act.

Noakhally.—"Several Munsifs remark that the working of the Transfer of Property Act is beneficial in tending to put down unnecessary litigation, enabling parties to avoid the expense of foreclosure proceedings".

24-Pergunnahs.—"There were very few Acts passed last year which had any appreciable effect on the working of the Civil Courts, but there were several passed in the previous year the effects of which could be appreciated in the year under review.

"The principal Acts of 1882, which applied to the Civil Courts of Bengal, were (1) the Transfer of Property Act, (2) the Presidency Small Cause Court Act, and (3) the Amended Civil Procedure Code.

"The Transfer of Property Act has abolished all applications for foreclosure, and in lieu of the previous double proceeding there is now only one in the shape of a regular suit with a decree *nisi* to be made absolute after six months. This change has been highly beneficial. Under the old law the extremely technical rules of the foreclosure notice made the obtaining of a decree by the mortgagee extremely difficult, and in the case of a decree the Court had no discretion but to make over possession of the property to him. The new law not only facilitates a decree and the realization of the money, by abolishing the provision of notice, but also gives the Court a discretion to extend the time and either to deliver up possession or make other provision for the payment of the money.

"This Act, by section 60, has also transferred applications for redemption of mortgages, which used previously to be made in the District Judges' Courts under Regulation I of 1798, to the Courts of the Munsifs and Subordinate Judges having jurisdiction. The result has been not only a slight reduction in the ministerial work of this Court, but a great reduction in the expenditure incurred by applicants.

"The most important change, however, which the Act has introduced, is the adoption of some of the provisions of the Statute of Frauds. It virtually abolishes all oral contracts of sale, mortgage, lease, and exchange, and all verbal gifts of immoveable property, and makes writing and registration in all such cases compulsory. The effect of all this is already being felt in the Courts, and has greatly facilitated the conduct of cases.

"The provisions noted above have been seen to be greatly useful.

"Another new feature of the Act is its *Fifth* chapter (on leases), which codifies the rules applicable to the lands in the Suburbs, all of which are homestead lands, where the rules of English law were formerly considered to be in force and used to be applied in the trial of cases. One change to be met with in this chapter is, however, very objectionable. I allude to the reduction in the period of notice to quit in respect of hired houses from one month (see 12 B. L. R., page 263) to 15 days (see section 106).

"There is also a grave omission in the Act which causes no small amount of practical difficulty. Section 106 declares that all leases for agricultural or manufacturing purposes shall be presumed to be yearly leases, and to be terminable only after six months' notice, and leases of immoveable property for any other purpose are held to be leases from month to month. Now as the chapter has not been extended to agricultural holdings in Bengal, by a Government Notification as required by section 117 (probably because a new Rent Law is shortly to be passed by the Legislature), the above provision of the law is inoperative in Bengal at present. In suits for the ejectment of tenants-at-will from agricultural holdings, the period of notice required by the Courts is not uniform. In some cases the English law is followed, while in others the length of notice is based on considerations of convenience.

"The most important omission in the Act seems to me to relate to *bastu* holdings, which are always yearly holdings, and on which the tenants build huts at their own expense. Being admittedly yearly holdings, they cannot be deemed to be monthly tenancies, and therefore a 15 days notice in respect of such leases is not only not applicable but is absolutely hard and unjust. No one can for a moment, and with any show of reason, require a man to remove his house and his family from one place and erect a new one in another within a fortnight. In England he would get six months' notice, and if equity or convenience form any element in deciding the matter, he should at least have three months. The law not having provided for the notice required in respect of such homestead lands, the old rules are still adhered to in trying these ejectment suits, the number of which in the Subarban Munsifs is very considerable.

"I have lastly to remark, with reference to this branch of legislation, that the Transfer Act should be supplemented by further laws calculated to effect a public registration of titles.

The mere registration of assurances has proved a most unsatisfactory process. The record of rights now contemplated in the new Rent Bill is a step in the right direction."

Changes in the Subordinate Judicial service.

The following changes took places in the ranks of the subordinate judicial service during the year:—

RETIRED	Babu	Priya Nath Sarma	Munsifs.
REMOVED FROM THE SERVICE	„	Sambhu Chandra De.	
RESIGNED AT HIS OWN REQUEST	„	Kamakhya Nath Mukharji	
DIED	„	Rama Nath Sil	Subordinate Judge.
	„	Suryya Kant Chaudhuri	Munsifs.
	„	Murali Lal Som.	

The following Munsif was promoted to a Subordinate Judgeship:—

Name.	Service.	District to which appointed.
	Y. M. D.	
Babu Rajendra Kumar Basu, B. L.	14 7 26	Mymensingh.

The following gentlemen were appointed permanent Munsifs:—

Names.	Degree or other qualification.	Date of qualification.	District to which appointed.
Babu Lalit Kumar Basu	B.A., B.L.	3rd February 1874	Noakhally.
„ Bhuban Mohan Ganguli	B.A., B.L.	19th February 1873	Furreedpore.
„ Sasibhushun Basu	B.A., B.L.	11th February 1874	Mymensingh.
„ Suryya Narayan Das	B.A., B.L.	9th February 1876	Backergunge.
„ Rajani Nath Mittra	B.A., B.L.	8th February 1871	Sylhet.
„ Nilmadhab De	B.A., B.L.	11th February 1874	Tipperah.
„ Mahim Chandra Sarkar	B.A., B.L.	31st January 1872	Mozufferpore.
„ Priyag Nath	B.A., B.L.	9th February 1876	Chota Nagpore.
„ Purna Chandra Chaudhuri	B.A., B.L.	14th February 1877	Midnapore.

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Original cases instituted, disposed of and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
			1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883
BURDWAN	Burdwan	Reg.	13,455	13,022	13,574	13,577	1,997	1,642
	Bankura	Reg.	6,801	7,727	6,630	7,320	902	1,490
	Beerbhoom	Reg.	5,435	5,616	5,508	5,669	674	690
	Midnapur	Reg.	17,222	16,464	17,347	16,728	2,376	2,376
		S. C.	665	701	676	701	41	57
	Hooghly	Reg.	14,775	14,023	15,036	14,167	2,202	2,305
		S. C.	6,373	5,894	6,233	6,077	829	730
		TOTAL	64,726	63,447	65,004	64,239	9,111	9,290
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	Reg.	23,810	21,424	23,574	21,675	3,160	3,455
		S. C.	5,689	6,786	5,773	6,759	383	606
	Nuddea	Reg.	8,416	7,939	8,445	8,048	1,025	1,045
		S. C.	11,143	10,733	11,274	10,896	441	437
	Jessore	Reg.	21,785	25,281	22,347	25,286	2,205	2,774
		S. C.	8,581	8,560	8,920	8,718	230	315
	Moorshedabad	Reg.	13,146	12,659	12,759	12,864	2,283	2,061
		S. C.	257	239	360	406	20	16
		TOTAL	92,827	93,621	93,452	94,652	9,747	10,709
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepur	Reg.	9,412	9,635	9,577	9,622	919	1,061
		S. C.	1,096	1,222	1,095	1,212	123	139
	Rajshahye	Reg.	9,090	8,619	9,558	8,322	1,161	1,601
		S. C.	744	812	762	849	60	89
	Rungpore	Reg.	13,495	14,538	13,905	14,996	2,288	2,083
	Pubna and Bogra	Reg.	7,836	8,325	7,743	8,451	1,638	1,633
		S. C.	2,131	2,055	2,163	2,065	71	98
		TOTAL	43,804	45,206	44,803	45,517	6,260	6,654
DACCA	Dacca	Reg.	19,185	18,635	20,490	18,485	2,012	2,353
		S. C.	6,298	5,284	6,486	5,400	375	346
	Furreedpore	Reg.	15,576	15,096	16,197	15,039	1,746	1,991
		S. C.	1,079	935	1,172	889	82	84
	Backergunge	Reg.	21,945	24,345	22,849	24,846	2,437	2,561
		S. C.	643	757	671	748	25	57
	Mymensing	Reg.	22,120	23,207	22,120	22,655	3,281	4,192
	Tipperah	Reg.	22,635	23,292	22,124	22,908	4,546	5,137
		TOTAL	109,481	111,551	112,109	110,950	14,454	16,721
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	Reg.	12,446	13,570	12,461	13,420	1,971	2,478
	Noakhally	Reg.	11,998	11,174	11,283	11,739	2,023	1,561
		TOTAL	24,444	24,744	23,744	25,159	3,994	4,039
PATNA	Patna	Reg.	3,681	4,678	3,405	4,296	992	1,482
		S. C.	1,244	610	1,430	623	47	58
	Gya	Reg.	3,242	2,873	2,630	2,938	1 363	1,344
	Shahabad	Reg.	7,280	7,382	7 597	6,839	2,162	2,785
	Tirhoot	Reg.	7,399	7,767	7,421	8,115	2,268	2,067
	Sarun	Reg.	5,877	6.048	5,927	6,054	1,508	1,678
		TOTAL	28,723	29,358	28,460	28,865	8,340	9,414
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	Reg.	9,889	9,155	9,736	8,866	1,804	2,218
		S. C.	5,192	4,513	5,184	4,674	432	357
	Purneah	Reg.	8,915	10,066	8,808	9,757	1,457	1,886
								4,461
		TOTAL	23,996	23,734	23,728	23,297	3,693	4,461
ORISSA	Cuttack	Reg.	9,545	10,861	9,383	11,045	1,260	1,248
		S. C.	2,136	1,101	2,157	1,092	95	119
		TOTAL	11,681	11.962	11,540	12,137	1,355	1,361
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	Reg.	4,195	4,034	4,399	3,973	498	625
	TOTAL	Reg.	350,606	357,455	352,883	357,680	54,248	59,822
		S. C.	53,271	50,202	54,356	51,109	3,204	3,452
	GRAND TOTAL	...	403,877	407,657	407,239	408,789	57,452	63,274

A 1.

Original cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in each of the Courts of Small Causes in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
BURDWAN	Midnapore	665	701	676	701	41	57
	Hooghly	1,182	993	1,179	1,031	135	109
	Serampore	1,933	1,872	1,894	1,909	267	258
	Howrah	3,258	3,029	3,160	3,137	427	363
PRESIDENCY	Sealdah	5,538	6,591	5,628	6,553	373	604
	Dum Dum, Cantonment	39	42	36	45	3	...
	Barrackpore, do.	112	153	109	161	7	2
	Kishnaghur	2,479	2,143	2,501	2,158	63	94
	Ranaghat	1,386	1,291	1,437	1,296	23	30
	Bongong	1,200	994	1,216	993	17	40
	Meherpore	1,574	1,909	1,626	1,911	50	55
	Kooshteah	2,613	2,703	2,610	2,793	213	178
	Chooadangah	1,891	1,693	1,884	1,745	75	40
	Jessore	3,847	3,931	3,971	4,003	28	61
	Magoorah	1,227	1,315	1,307	1,325	55	81
	Jhenidah	1,643	1,759	1,668	1,795	66	75
	Narail	1,864	1,552	1,974	1,595	81	98
RAJSHAHYE	Berhampore	257	239	360	406	20	16
	Beauleah	744	812	762	849	60	39
	Pubna	2,131	2,055	2,163	2,065	71	98
	Darjeeling	1,096	1,222	1,095	1,212	123	139
DACCA	Dacca	4,093	3,426	4,104	3,559	284	211
	Munshigunge	2,205	1,858	2,382	1,841	91	135
	Furreedpore	1,079	935	1,172	889	32	84
	Backergunge	643	757	671	748	25	57
PATNA	Patna	1,114	478	1,301	483	38	56
	Dinapore, Cantonment	130	132	129	140	9	2
BHAGULPORE	Monghyr	2,917	2,573	2,905	2,659	274	244
	Bhagulpore	2,275	1,940	2,279	2,015	158	113
ORISSA	Cuttack	2,136	1,101	2,157	1,092	95	113
	TOTAL	53,271	50,202	54,356	51,109	3,204	3,452

B.

Suits and Appeals pending more than one year at the close of 1882 and 1883.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	1882.		1883.	
		Suits.	Appeals.	Suits.	Appeals.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	4	3	3	1
	Bankura	13	47	10	1
	Beerbhoom	...	...	2	...
	Midnapore	5	74	2	7
	Hooghly	13	2	14	14
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	26	7	30	9
	Nuddea	2	21	8	48
	Jessore	12	...	4	...
	Moorshedabad	25	...	6	...
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	2	...	...	...
	Rajshahye	4	2	4	3
	Rungpore	1	...	4	...
	Pubna and Bogra	2	26	8	14
DACCA	Dacca	2	...	10	...
	Furreedpore	...	79	6	73
	Backergunge	1	...	...	62
	Mymensing	4	23	12	34
	Tipperah	...	13	4	1
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	...	10	4	72
	Noakhally	...	...	3	..
PATNA	Patna	76	...	61	11
	Gya	5	1	146	23
	Shahabad	10	12	2	106
	Tirhoot	...	10	4	11
	Sarun	3	26	2	21
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	36	18	20	107
	Purneah	1	...	1	...
ORISSA	Cuttack	10	39	8	14
CHOTA-NAGPORE	Chota-Nagpore	...	...	1	1
	TOTAL	257	413	379	633

C.

Number and value of suits instituted in the Civil Courts, 1879-1883.

DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	Value in 1879.	Number in 1879.	Number in 1880.	Number in 1881.	Number in 1882.	Number in 1883.	Value in 1883.
		R						Rs.
Backergunge	R.	21,69,016	18,684	19,755	19,196	21,945	24,345	19,18,943
	S. C.	1,52,292	2,256	2,025	1,865	643	757	95,552
Beerbhoom	R.	6,15,615	4,577	4,878	5,145	5,485	5,616	5,65,576
Bhagulpore	R.	32,46,797	9,500	10,055	10,163	9,889	9,155	23,82,676
	S. C.	2,72,933	3,953	4,418	4,858	5,192	4,513	2,62,970
Burdwan	R.	12,52,910	14,309	11,648	11,675	13,455	13,022	11,37,932
Bankura	R.	3,66,546	4,423	7,062	6,335	6,801	7,727	6,21,424
Chittagong	R.	8,78,876	14,606	13,479	11,872	12,446	13,570	8,06,598
Cuttack	R.	11,14,975	6,811	7,216	8,540	9,545	10,861	12,25,287
	S. C.	1,97,324	4,975	2,867	1,160	2,136	1,101	1,35,775
Dacca	R.	19,22,150	16,187	18,383	19,393	19,185	18,635	21,54,677
	S. C.	3,59,386	5,552	7,283	6,740	6,298	5,284	3,72,706
Dinagepore	R.	6,58,545	7,497	6,666	7,885	9,412	9,635	8,14,216
	S. C.	55,886	988	1,069	1,218	1,096	1,222	67,250
Furreedpore	R.	10,28,035	13,793	17,511	16,680	15,576	15,096	8,72,300
	S. C.	40,566	908	1,411	1,311	1,079	935	36,405
Gya	R.	13,51,881	2,564	2,624	2,343	3,242	2,873	17,72,809
Hooghly	R.	20,52,246	11,415	13,251	13,279	14,775	14,023	19,84,198
	S. C.	1,58,110	5,130	5,413	5,595	6,373	5,894	2,32,962
Jessore	R.	12,66,932	20,466	22,122	21,145	21,785	25,281	17,28,133
	S. C.	7,89,551	14,564	12,073	10,386	8,581	8,560	4,41,213
Midnapore	R.	16,93,188	16,875	17,942	15,196	17,222	16,404	13,08,670
	S. C.	1,07,926	872	656	648	665	701	80,735
Moorshedabad	R.	9,47,498	10,895	11,737	12,028	13,146	12,659	11,17,079
	S. C.	26,620	215	245	261	257	239	30,572
Mymensingh	R.	20,94,234	17,206	19,593	20,674	22,120	23,207	32,96,529
Noakhally	R.	9,81,739	13,752	10,853	10,579	11,998	11,174	6,69,582
Nuddea	R.	12,19,609	9,069	8,003	8,500	8,416	7,939	7,11,136
	S. C.	5,67,860	11,361	10,330	11,095	11,143	10,733	4,99,880
Patna	R.	17,91,289	3,242	4,049	3,808	3,681	4,678	22,32,028
	S. C.	89,567	1,513	1,557	1,475	1,244	610	61,623
Pubna and Bogra	R.	8,64,793	6,647	6,808	7,812	7,836	8,325	9,10,975
	S. C.	85,544	1,532	1,864	1,967	2,131	2,055	89,889
Purneah	R.	7,98,727	8,203	8,054	8,630	8,915	10,066	14,26,799
Rajshahye	R.	11,70,142	5,540	7,122	7,387	9,090	8,619	15,74,116
	S. C.	35,232	629	718	658	744	812	49,947
Rangpore	R.	21,43,797	15,465	13,646	13,553	13,495	14,538	13,89,433
Sarun	R.	16,52,756	4,711	5,685	5,320	5,877	6,048	19,69,364
Shahabad	R.	10,96,245	6,044	6,510	6,763	7,280	7,382	11,26,634
Tipperah	R.	12,18,187	18,965	19,399	20,285	22,635	23,202	13,28,886
Tirhoot	R.	33,34,175	6,752	7,454	8,399	7,399	7,767	38,37,407
24-Pergunnahs	R.	33,84,441	21,660	21,426	21,345	23,810	21,424	28,27,107
	S. C.	2,78,378	5,892	5,387	5,400	5,089	6,786	3,41,517
Chota Nagpore	R.	11,73,905	4,492	4,317	4,167	4,195	4,084	11,59,635
TOTAL	R.	4,34,88,649	314,442	327,248	328,592	350,606	357,455	4,48,70,149
	S. C.	32,17,080	60,340	57,316	54,637	53,271	50,202	27,99,086

D.

Number of Suits of each Class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	1882.			1883.		
		Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.
Backergunge	R.	5,327	15,368	1,250	6,641	16,900	804
	S. C.	643	...	...	757	...	...
Beerbhoom	R.	2,048	2,569	818	2,354	2,756	506
Bhagulpore	R.	3,110	5,621	1,158	3,797	4,812	546
	S. C.	5,192	...	...	4,513	...	...
Burdwan	R.	4,962	6,999	1,494	4,921	6,683	1,418
Bankura	R.	2,385	3,330	1,086	2,912	3,788	1,027
Chittagong	R.	3,322	6,352	2,772	3,542	7,261	2,767
Cuttack	R.	7,935	...	1,610	9,728	...	1,133
	S. C.	2,136	...	...	1,101	...	...
Dacca	R.	12,860	4,526	1,799	12,631	4,201	1,803
	S. C.	6,298	...	...	5,284	...	...
Dinagepore	R.	5,469	3,686	257	5,537	3,902	196
	S. C.	1,096	...	...	1,222	...	...
Furreedpore	R.	8,361	6,347	863	8,093	6,020	983
	S. C.	1,079	...	...	935	...	...
Gya	R.	1,290	1,347	605	1,317	1,033	523
Hooghly	R.	4,376	8,593	1,806	4,421	7,730	1,872
	S. C.	6,373	...	...	5,894	...	...
Jessore	R.	3,548	16,258	1,979	5,357	17,608	2,316
	S. C.	8,581	...	...	8,560	...	...
Midnapore	R.	6,987	8,300	1,935	7,107	7,722	1,635
	S. C.	665	...	...	701	...	...
Moorshedabad	R.	6,071	5,939	1,136	5,556	6,224	879
	S. C.	257	...	...	239	...	...
Mymensing	R.	16,668	3,352	2,100	17,283	3,630	2,294
Noakhally	R.	3,463	7,751	784	3,209	7,143	822
Nuddea	R.	1,546	6,214	656	1,572	5,745	622
	S. C.	11,143	...	...	10,733	...	...
Patna	R.	1,236	1,938	507	1,730	2,415	533
	S. C.	1,244	...	...	610	...	...
Pabna and Bogra	R.	4,337	2,701	798	4,750	2,824	751
	S. C.	2,131	...	...	2,055	...	...
Purneah	R.	4,664	3,879	372	5,330	4,371	365
Rajshahye	R.	5,208	3,532	350	4,884	3,322	413
	S. C.	744	...	...	812	...	...
Rungpore	R.	7,521	4,855	1,119	8,800	4,915	823
Sarun	R.	2,482	2,492	903	2,422	2,816	810
Shahabad	R.	2,061	4,391	828	1,942	4,621	819
Tipperah	R.	11,094	8,917	2,624	11,575	9,170	2,547
Tirhoot	R.	3,661	2,706	942	3,052	3,775	940
24-Pergunnahs	R.	9,632	11,777	2,401	8,027	11,114	2,283
	S. C.	5,689	...	...	6,786	...	...
Chota Nagpore	R.	3,467	...	728	3,355	...	679
TOTAL	R.	155,091	159,830	35,685	161,845	162,501	33,109
	S. C.	53,271	...	...	50,202	...	...

E.

Value of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past year compared with the preceding year.

DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	1882.			1883.		
		Suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	Title Suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	Title Suits.
		R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	R.	3,33,951	8,92,869	6,78,316	6,08,236	10,67,685	2,43,022
	S. C.	80,668	...	...	95,552	...	...
Beerbhoom	R.	1,20,075	1,79,889	2,88,556	2,47,472	1,91,307	1,26,797
Bhagulpore	R.	4,77,625	5,71,684	13,72,464	13,85,602	4,38,585	5,58,539
	S. C.	2,86,628	...	...	2,62,070	...	...
Burdwan	R.	5,15,291	3,16,492	17,27,219	5,30,121	3,78,728	2,29,083
Bankura	R.	1,82,314	1,44,849	1,49,996	2,98,015	1,81,044	1,42,365
Chittagong	R.	3,05,578	2,07,435	5,36,707	3,10,051	2,35,900	2,51,647
Cuttack	R.	3,82,967	...	4,55,080	5,92,802	...	6,32,485
	S. C.	1,43,645	...	...	1,35,775	...	...
Dacca	R.	12,00,046	1,58,631	9,44,076	11,74,864	1,63,732	8,16,081
	S. C.	4,12,507	...	...	3,72,706	...	...
Dinagepore	R.	5,67,639	1,61,919	90,756	5,24,879	1,84,501	1,04,836
	S. C.	73,037	...	...	67,250	...	...
Furreedpore	R.	4,41,547	2,29,949	2,23,964	4,82,300	2,11,723	1,78,277
	S. C.	45,834	...	...	36,495	...	...
Gya	R.	2,88,234	4,59,310	9,23,574	3,04,355	2,87,213	11,81,241
Hooghly	R.	5,16,762	3,86,486	5,90,717	5,31,322	4,14,754	10,38,122
	S. C.	2,55,299	...	...	2,32,962	...	...
Jessore	R.	2,66,220	6,86,406	3,14,840	4,63,839	8,57,332	4,06,962
	S. C.	4,20,002	...	...	4,41,213	...	...
Midnapore	R.	4,46,785	3,21,802	17,93,032	5,21,568	3,49,892	4,37,210
	S. C.	75,529	...	...	80,735	...	...
Moorshedabad	R.	3,42,181	2,65,078	19,04,827	3,55,976	2,46,882	5,14,221
	S. C.	34,474	...	...	30,572	...	...
Mymensingh	R.	12,01,596	4,21,993	52,68,365	13,49,302	2,56,426	16,90,801
Noakhally	R.	2,37,894	3,40,309	66,319	2,34,834	3,43,500	91,248
Nuddea	R.	2,98,566	3,75,821	6,06,814	2,32,756	2,92,320	1,86,060
	S. C.	5,29,152	...	...	4,99,880	...	...
Patna	R.	11,39,625	2,13,493	7,69,463	8,80,134	2,50,590	11,01,304
	S. C.	17,913	...	...	61,623	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	R.	4,68,776	1,91,969	6,14,598	5,24,305	2,02,377	1,84,293
	S. C.	89,663	...	...	89,889	...	...
Purneah	R.	4,54,476	3,40,097	1,02,384	8,26,240	4,52,014	1,48,545
Rajshahye	R.	5,41,871	1,91,620	3,02,302	4,09,611	2,34,187	9,30,318
	S. C.	49,696	...	...	49,947	...	...
Rungpore	R.	7,02,035	1,94,191	2,10,111	9,08,180	2,05,467	2,75,786
Sarun	R.	8,21,497	1,51,545	7,00,724	6,80,275	4,18,620	8,70,469
Shahabad	R.	13,05,601	2,65,515	6,15,844	4,41,327	3,48,799	3,36,508
Tipperah	R.	6,12,994	4,39,625	1,81,764	7,06,704	4,70,447	1,51,735
Tirhoot	R.	10,86,637	2,79,709	42,71,874	20,50,270	3,34,352	14,52,785
24-Pergunnahs	R.	9,16,581	7,09,938	10,53,356	7,93,089	5,74,377	14,59,641
	S. C.	2,76,979	...	...	3,41,517	...	...
Chota Nagpore	R.	4,62,585	...	9,72,855	4,08,575	...	7,51,060
TOTAL	R.	1,66,37,949	90,98,624	2,77,90,807	1,87,86,004	95,92,704	1,64,91,441
	S. C.	28,91,626	...	...	27,99,086	...	...

F.

Manner of disposal of Original Suits by the Civil Courts, 1883.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Courts.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested (both parties present).	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	R.	5,820	5,113	2,644	13,577
	Bankura	R.	3,551	2,471	1,298	7,320
	Beerbhoom	R.	2,447	1,783	1,439	5,669
	Midnapoore	R.	8,483	5,257	2,988	16,728
		S. C.	390	175	136	701
	Hooghly	R.	6,208	4,558	3,401	14,167
		S. C.	2,672	1,973	1,432	6,077
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	R.	9,250	7,559	4,866	21,675
		S. C.	2,859	2,167	1,733	6,759
	Nuddea	R.	3,160	2,774	2,114	8,048
		S. C.	6,192	2,768	1,936	10,896
	Jessore	R.	8,413	10,523	6,350	25,286
		S. C.	4,969	2,044	1,705	8,718
	Moorshedabad	R.	4,934	4,698	3,232	12,864
		S. C.	132	163	111	406
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	R.	2,581	5,149	1,892	9,622
		S. C.	599	496	117	1,212
	Rajshahye	R.	3,387	3,042	1,893	8,322
		S. C.	368	317	164	849
	Rungpore	R.	5,340	6,175	3,481	14,996
	Pubna and Bogra	R.	2,330	4,064	2,057	8,451
		S. C.	955	673	437	2,065
DACCA	Dacca	R.	4,414	9,985	4,086	18,485
		S. C.	1,766	2,562	1,072	5,400
	Furreedpore	R.	4,480	7,775	2,784	15,039
		S. C.	270	469	150	889
	Backergunge	R.	6,440	13,380	5,026	24,846
		S. C.	224	423	101	748
	Mymensingh	R.	5,422	12,429	4,784	22,635
	Tipperah	R.	8,196	8,220	6,492	22,908
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	R.	4,802	3,477	5,141	13,420
	Noakhally	R.	4,222	4,169	3,348	11,739
PATNA	Patna	R.	1,708	939	1,649	4,296
		S. C.	282	168	173	623
	Gya	R.	1,190	616	1,132	2,938
	Shahabad	R.	2,696	1,902	2,241	6,839
	Tirhoot	R.	2,845	2,234	3,036	8,115
	Sarun	R.	2,827	1,455	1,772	6,054
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	R.	3,819	2,680	2,367	8,866
		S. C.	2,336	1,588	750	4,674
	Purneah	R.	2,960	4,536	2,261	9,757
ORISSA	Cuttack	R.	6,980	2,513	1,552	11,045
		S. C.	452	435	205	1,092
CHOTA-NAGPORE	Chota-Nagpore	R.	1,765	899	1,309	3,973
	TOTAL	R.	1,30,670	1,40,375	86,635	3,57,680
		S. C.	24,466	16,421	10,222	51,109
	GRAND TOTAL		1,55,136	1,56,796	96,857	4,08,789

F. 1.

Manner of disposal of Suits by the Courts of Small Causes separately.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested (both parties present).	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Midnapore	390	175	136	701
	Hooghly	479	342	210	1,031
	Serampore	944	539	426	1,909
	Howrah	1,249	1,092	796	3,137
PRESIDENCY	Sealdah	2,763	2,116	1,674	6,553
	Dum Dum, Cantonment	25	10	10	45
	Barrackpore, ,,	71	41	49	161
	Kishnaghur	1,101	694	363	2,158
	Ranaghat	718	354	224	1,296
	Bongong	508	348	137	993
	Meherpore	1,137	511	263	1,911
	Kooshteah	1,578	542	673	2,793
	Chooadangah	1,150	319	276	1,745
	Jessore	2,068	1,241	694	4,003
	Magoorah	785	228	312	1,325
	Jhenidah	1,256	250	289	1,795
	Narail	860	325	410	1,595
RAJSHAHYE	Berhampore	132	163	111	406
	Beauleah	368	317	164	849
	Pubna	955	673	437	2,065
	Darjeeling	599	496	117	1,212
DACCA	Dacca	1,217	1,494	848	3,559
	Munshigunge	549	1,068	224	1,841
	Furreedpore	270	469	150	889
	Backergunge	224	423	101	748
PATNA	Patna	205	144	134	483
	Dinapore, Cantonment	77	24	39	140
BHAGULPORE	Monghyr	1,284	961	414	2,659
	Bhagulpore	1,052	627	336	2,015
ORISSA	Cuttack	452	435	205	1,092
	TOTAL	24,466	16,421	10,222	51,109

F 2.

Manner of disposal of Suits by Courts of Officers vested with Small Cause Court Powers.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte.*	Contested (both parties present.)	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	968	713	352	2,033
	Bankura	450	199	91	740
	Beerbhoom	452	207	160	819
	Midnapore	2,068	935	503	3,506
	Hooghly	273	84	82	439
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	2,799	1,242	727	4,768
	Nuddea	468	208	132	808
	Jessore	1,320	1,161	601	3,082
	Moorshedabad	1,777	1,343	761	3,881
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	330	503	144	977
	Rajshahye	1,248	674	423	2,345
	Rungpore	1,462	1,747	821	4,030
	Pubna and Bogra	314	1,203	188	1,705
DACCA	Dacca	1,894	6,299	1,241	9,434
	Furreedpore	1,723	2,540	681	4,944
	Backergunge	1,583	2,027	801	4,411
	Mymensingh	1,591	2,786	588	4,965
	Tipperah	2,099	2,516	670	5,285
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	237	204	167	608
	Noakhally	276	239	159	674
PATNA	Patna	478	259	185	922
	Gya	197	113	113	423
	Shahabad	184	77	61	322
	Tirhoot	218	135	75	428
	Sarun	394	116	115	625
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	...	...	...	...
	Purneah	605	965	230	1,800
ORISSA	Cuttack	5,196	1,725	927	7,848
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	....	...	...	...
	TOTAL	30,604	30,220	10,998	71,822

G.

Applications for an order to set aside an "ex-parte" judgment or a judgment on default, 1883.

DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFFS.						SUBORDINATE JUDGES.						SMALL CAUSE COURTS.						JUDGES.					
	PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.		
	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Application granted.	Application rejected.	Total disposed of.
Backergunge	725	297	1,022	560	488	1,048	11	1	12	3	8	11	30	10	40	22	15	37	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	48	28	76	37	47	34	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
Bhagulpore	124	119	243	79	195	274	14	2	16	3	13	16	64	83	147	67	53	120	1	1	2	...	2	2
Burdwan	265	104	369	175	202	377	9	1	10	8	10	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	3	4	7
Bankura	133	45	178	82	89	171	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	250	211	461	269	200	469	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	89	178	267	157	90	247	1	...	1	...	1	1	13	3	16	8	7	15	...	...	...	...	...	...
Daeca	108	149	257	135	117	252	5	1	6	1	5	6	74	69	143	77	60	137	1	...	1	...	1	1
Dinagepore	61	89	150	82	54	136	5	28	33	11	18	29	...	7	7	6	2	8	...	3	3	3	...	3
Furreedpore	241	90	331	158	174	332	3	1	4	1	2	3	10	4	14	4	11	15	...	2	2	...	2	2
Gya	93	37	130	27	91	118	5	...	5	....	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
Hooghly	421	118	539	219	312	531	10	...	10	1	6	7	138	55	193	86	113	199	...	2	2	2	...	2
Jessore	908	178	1,086	457	504	961	13	1	14	3	8	11	109	266	375	224	129	353	...	...	...	..	...	...
Midnapore	302	147	449	223	263	486	6	...	6	...	5	5	13	9	22	14	8	22	...	3	3	3	...	3
Moorshedabad	112	102	214	118	97	215	5	1	6	1	5	6	...	4	4	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensing	161	182	343	202	133	335	6	...	6	1	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
Noakbally	133	46	179	82	113	195	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	81	92	173	80	91	171	3	...	3	2	...	2	75	138	213	139	94	233	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	79	40	119	47	81	128	16	11	27	6	16	22	15	13	28	16	7	23	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	143	42	185	82	115	197	10	...	10	2	5	7	44	18	62	34	28	62	...	...	...	...	2	2
Purneah	87	64	151	34	83	117	2	...	2	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	82	99	181	103	68	171	7	...	7	3	5	8	13	9	22	16	8	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore	117	228	345	199	160	359	2	36	38	25	11	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	105	114	219	100	126	226	7	6	13	5	8	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
Shahabad	81	34	115	42	86	128	5	7	12	3	13	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	138	104	242	139	106	245	4	...	4	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot	79	29	108	67	52	119	5	38	43	29	14	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	13	4	12	16
24-Pergunahs	494	355	849	426	377	803	8	5	13	3	11	14	110	102	212	130	67	197	1	3	4	4	...	4
Chota Nagpore	27	30	57	39	18	57	3	2	5	3	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	5,687	3,351	9,038	4,420	4,532	8,952	166	141	307	115	179	294	708	790	1,498	848	602	1,450	3	38	41	23	23	46

H.

Result of Proceedings in execution of Decrees in the Civil Courts.

DISTRICTS.	Courts.	Number of applications on which realizations were made.				Amount realized.		
		In full satisfaction of decree.	In part satisfaction of decree.	With process.	Without process.	With process.	Without process.	Total.
						R	R	R
Backergunge	R.	7,154	4,523	8,914	2,763	8,52,733	1,50,315	10,03,048
	S. C.	146	160	135	171	5,080	10,869	15,949
Beerbhoom	R.	1,196	1,147	1,844	499	1,65,497	52,705	2,18,202
Bhagulpore	R.	1,770	1,048	2,397	421	11,06,401	1,49,064	12,55,465
	S. C.	635	387	718	304	39,167	18,710	57,877
Burdwan	R.	3,109	1,766	4,182	693	4,15,617	51,209	4,66,826
Bankura	R.	2,320	1,387	3,435	272	1,92,277	13,413	2,05,690
Chittagong	R.	3,837	2,531	4,230	2,138	2,06,752	1,03,977	3,10,729
Cuttack	R.	1,095	874	1,772	197	3,31,623	24,042	3,55,665
	S. C.	263	184	381	66	17,846	4,716	22,562
Dacca	R.	2,435	2,056	3,371	1,120	3,83,489	1,83,080	5,66,569
	S. C.	615	879	1,444	50	51,802	3,148	54,950
Dinagepore	R.	945	827	1,560	212	2,41,576	11,446	2,53,022
	S. C.	224	65	232	57	17,022	3,854	20,876
Furreedpore	R.	2,642	1,647	3,836	453	2,71,854	39,028	3,10,882
	S. C.	85	67	119	33	1,247	269	1,516
Gya	R.	755	341	918	178	4,85,964	86,070	5,72,034
Hooghly	R.	3,663	1,524	4,842	345	4,14,043	14,369	4,28,412
	S. C.	828	314	1,104	38	34,910	9,304	44,214
Jessore	R.	5,744	4,754	9,541	957	4,76,693	38,994	5,15,687
	S. C.	525	1,695	2,163	57	32,533	2,366	34,899
Midnapore	R.	3,517	3,051	4,952	1,616	2,94,645	1,22,751	4,17,396
	S. C.	132	238	274	96	10,081	6,642	16,723
Moorshedabad	R.	2,011	1,284	2,905	390	2,61,917	41,985	3,03,902
	S. C.	47	13	31	29	1,629	1,722	3,351
Mymensingh	R.	3,143	2,637	4,707	1,073	5,66,232	1,01,172	6,67,404
Noakhally	R.	3,516	1,819	4,222	1,113	2,80,460	53,366	3,33,826
Nuddea	R.	2,021	1,685	3,395	311	2,66,037	23,315	2,89,352
	S. C.	831	1,492	2,241	82	42,244	4,256	46,500
Patna	R.	1,407	640	1,608	439	5,13,375	68,441	5,81,816
	S. C.	181	47	194	34	7,737	119	7,856
Pubna and Bogra	R.	1,566	1,116	2,245	437	8,73,666	35,844	9,09,510
	S. C.	110	108	188	30	5,862	1,361	7,223
Purneah	R.	989	689	1,649	29	2,84,811	3,711	2,88,522
Rajshahye	R.	1,311	808	1,478	441	2,39,380	34,592	2,73,972
	S. C.	98	34	107	25	4,858	979	5,837
Rungpore	R.	1,824	1,449	3,158	106	3,59,729	5,044	3,64,773
Sarun	R.	1,462	646	1,666	442	4,47,042	58,865	5,05,907
Shahabad	R.	2,138	624	2,258	504	3,18,598	57,116	3,75,714
Tipperah	R.	3,585	2,991	5,662	914	3,26,521	51,728	3,78,249
Tirhoot	R.	2,277	806	2,710	373	8,75,592	82,265	9,57,857
24-Pergunnahs	R.	3,600	2,052	5,374	278	8,19,452	18,417	8,37,869
	S. C.	659	556	1,211	4	31,193	217	31,410
Chota Nagpore	R.	877	733	1,541	69	2,45,533	7,612	2,53,145
Total	R.	71,909	47,446	1,00,572	18,783	1,25,17,500	16,83,936	1,42,01,445
	S. C.	5,379	6,239	10,542	1,076	3,03,211	68,532	3,71,743

I.

Original Miscellaneous (Judicial) Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF		PENDING.	
			1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	R.	1,544	1,618	1,483	1,635	265	260
	Bankura	R.	528	639	555	637	82	92
	Beerbhoom	R.	506	491	520	507	108	92
	Midnapore	R.	1,989	2,057	1,941	2,136	397	330
		S. C.	56	79	55	78	2	3
	Hooghly	R.	2,007	1,857	2,202	2,019	507	361
		S. C.	285	305	282	319	57	43
RESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	R.	2,385	2,167	2,472	2,198	390	383
		S. C.	531	564	531	532	32	71
	Nuddea	R.	1,157	1,092	1,225	1,132	171	132
		S. C.	769	721	769	738	36	21
	Jessore	R.	2,128	2,121	2,062	2,177	393	341
		S. C.	520	573	515	555	12	30
	Moorshedabad	R.	806	854	852	890	162	123
		S. C.	10	11	8	13	2	...
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	R.	499	469	484	466	78	86
		S. C.	18	20	16	20	2	2
	Rajshahye	R.	608	666	598	675	99	90
		S. C.	54	42	53	44	7	5
	Rungpore	R.	765	873	788	889	117	117
	Pubna and Bogra	R.	698	649	682	713	160	97
		S. C.	85	100	84	101	7	6
DACCA	Dacca	R.	1,335	1,133	1,379	1,137	150	152
		S. C.	250	288	239	279	31	44
	Furreedpore	R.	828	750	863	757	100	110
		S. C.	24	20	25	22	3	1
	Backergunge	R.	1,945	1,985	2,037	2,045	343	283
		S. C.	63	49	68	47	1	3
	Mymensingh	R.	1,126	1,258	1,129	1,245	203	236
	Tipperah	R.	1,157	1,402	1,147	1,404	192	222
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	R.	1,336	1,256	1,274	1,280	300	284
	Noakhally	R.	668	664	673	694	114	85
PATNA	Patna	R.	1,281	1,293	1,289	1,256	191	239
		S. C.	109	54	109	49	4	9
	Gya	R.	447	560	473	486	106	181
	Shahabad	R.	937	1,024	916	1,015	182	192
	Tirhoot	R.	1,144	937	1,114	1,027	231	185
	Sarun	R.	1,128	1,048	1,167	1,042	203	214
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	R.	1,007	1,147	988	1,182	189	157
		S. C.	241	321	235	286	21	56
	Purneah	R.	669	864	625	827	132	169
ORISSA	Cuttack	R.	678	790	675	775	109	135
		S. C.	48	66	47	63	4	8
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	R.	497	504	518	524	100	81
	TOTAL	R.	31,803	32,161	32,131	32,765	5,774	5,434
		S. C.	3,063	3,213	3,036	3,146	221	302
	GRAND TOTAL	...	34,866	35,374	35,167	35,911	5,995	5,736

I 1.

Original Miscellaneous (Non-Judicial) Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Divisions.	Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Burdwan	Burdwan	720	449	759	468	40	21
	Bankura	308	245	311	278	39	6
	Beerbhoom	58	55	70	53	3	5
	Midnapore	1,634	1,560	1,601	1,492	266	334
	Hooghly	2,175	2,240	2,203	2,349	294	185
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	1,303	1,281	1,397	1,258	26	49
	Nuddea	386	389	401	387	15	17
	Jessore	657	792	636	812	34	14
	Moorshedabad	405	575	392	581	19	13
Rajshahye	Dinagepore	831	987	848	1,011	166	142
	Rajshahye	589	623	601	592	17	48
	Rungpore	347	277	343	275	17	19
	Pubna and Bogra	676	669	697	664	31	36
Dacca	Dacca	1,035	947	1,230	919	30	58
	Furreedpore	581	223	532	287	78	14
	Backergunge	481	486	600	430	35	91
	Mymensingh	394	416	353	419	97	94
	Tipperah	1,495	1,844	1,435	1,864	170	150
Chittagong	Chittagong	315	386	315	360	11	37
	Noakhally	625	734	594	666	75	143
Patna	Patna	736	679	790	671	39	47
	Gya	874	558	702	666	144	36
	Shahabad	1,962	1,518	1,807	1,578	184	124
	Tirhoot	2,293	2,432	2,145	1,911	429	950
	Sarun	2,255	1,778	2,597	1,818	317	277
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	2,650	2,022	2,988	2,188	377	211
	Purneah	1,081	1,314	1,073	1,328	279	265
Orissa	Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore	Chotta Nagpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	26,966	25,479	27,510	25,325	3,232	3,386

J.

Appeals instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		1882.	1883	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	396	369	635	416	149	135
	Bankura	255	212	579	342	212	90
	Beerbhoom	226	284	279	293	76	70
	Midnapore	746	714	1,462	848	615	506
	Hooghly	920	660	1,131	637	372	421
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	1,145	962	1,069	1,092	766	659
	Nuddea	397	389	513	341	327	380
	Jessore	724	860	776	863	301	326
	Moorshedabad	293	394	291	245	50	200
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	176	177	172	180	23	23
	Rajshahye	507	348	399	423	352	283
	Rungpore	495	422	571	389	63	102
	Pubna and Bogra	444	408	293	641	433	209
DACCA	Dacca	899	613	897	616	363	382
	Furreedpore	503	374	406	553	579	414
	Backergunge	826	771	654	389	402	801
	Mymensingh	1,049	1,043	1,229	1,414	896	564
	Tipperah	1,538	1,806	1,484	1,529	1,137	1,472
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	959	1,219	1,108	937	828	1,135
	Noakhally	396	520	465	522	294	295
PATNA	Patna	724	565	543	749	575	403
	Gya	474	398	427	333	219	304
	Shahabad	1,106	830	1,753	887	792	783
	Tirhoot	1,667	967	2,563	1,562	973	438
	Sarun	874	618	815	946	818	502
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	726	639	868	476	527	716
	Purneah	282	191	309	223	55	27
ORISSA	Cuttack	245	250	80	312	274	224
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	509	454	566	432	225	265
	TOTAL	19,501	17,457	22,337	18,590	12,696	12,129

K.

Number of Appellate Judges and of appeals preferred with ratio of Appeals to Decisions.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Appellate Judges.	Number of decisions in which an Appeal lay to the District Courts.	Number of Appeals preferred.	Ratio of Appeals to decisions in which an Appeal lay.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	3	2,150	369	17·16
	Bankura	1*	1,063	212	19·94
	Beerbhoom	2	1,181	284	24·04
	Midnapore	3	2,117	714	33·72
	Hooghly	3	3,145	660	20 98
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	4	4,068	961	23·62
	Nuddea	2	1,871	389	20·73
	Jessore	4	5,631	860	15·27
	Moorshedabad	2	2,220	394	17·74
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	3	1,739	177	10·17
	Rajshahye	2	1,388	348	25·07
	Rungpore	3	2,651	405	15·27
	Pubna and Bogra	2	1,593	408	25·61
DACCA	Dacca	3	2,388	613	25·66
	Furreedpore	2	1,840	374	20·32
	Backergunge	3	4,162	771	18·52
	Mymensingh	3	3,338	1,043	31·24
	Tipperah	4	5,802	1,806	31·12
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong		4,583	1,219	26·59
	Noakhally	1	2,255	520	23·05
PATNA	Patna	4	1,412	565	40·01
	Gya	3	959	398	41·50
	Shahabad	3	2,159	830	38·44
	Tirhoot	4	2,935	967	32·94
	Sarun	3	1,542	618	40·07
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	3	2,309	639	27·67
	Purneah	1	2,011	1,191	9·49
ORISSA	Cuttack	2	617	187	30·30
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	9	1,196	325	27·17
	TOTAL	86	70,325	17,247	24·52

* There were two Appellate Judges during a part of the year.

L.

Number of Appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Districts.	1882.			1883.		
	In suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In Title Suits.	In suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In Title Suits.
Backergunge	93	529	204	123	533	115
Beerbhoom	54	91	81	72	132	80
Bhagulpore	93	456	177	153	357	129
Burdwan	92	162	142	90	150	129
Bankura	32	77	146	81	68	113
Chittagong	145	303	511	189	414	616
Cuttack	51	39	155	54	63	133
Dacca	145	401	353	103	283	227
Dinagepore	75	76	25	79	76	22
Furreedpore	79	236	188	106	153	115
Gya	144	193	137	115	184	99
Hooghly	108	471	341	69	267	324
Jessore	60	378	286	79	498	283
Midnapore	90	299	357	84	309	321
Moorshedabad	52	152	89	50	166	178
Mymensingh	439	263	347	366	302	375
Noakhally	92	197	107	95	333	92
Nuddea	13	243	141	11	267	111
Patna	69	479	176	85	311	169
Pubna and Bogra	116	180	148	139	149	120
Purneah	38	167	77	24	124	43
Rajshahye	154	242	111	107	182	59
Rungpore	142	222	131	127	188	107
Sarun	118	413	343	124	259	235
Shahabad	76	669	361	96	454	280
Tipperah	220	818	500	222	1,034	550
Tirhoot	228	1,104	335	174	534	259
24-Pergunnahs	190	544	411	201	407	354
Chota Nagpore	182	102	225	148	129	177
Total	3,390	9,506	6,605	3,316	8,326	5,815

M.

Value of appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Districts.	1882.			1883.		
	In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In Title Suits.	In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In Title Suits.
	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	26,610	42,967	49,052	18,875	40,325	36,693
Beerbhoom	8,109	4,905	22,098	9,165	8,850	23,103
Bhagulpore	26,854	39,321	49,797	48,619	33,644	24,850
Burdwan	20,143	16,128	21,813	21,183	18,762	11,541
Bankura	2,485	5,720	19,847	4,744	2,874	16,478
Chittagong	22,744	15,396	46,512	28,040	27,194	54,281
Cuttack	19,185	3,390	28,269	14,026	10,913	17,697
Dacca	44,989	19,021	69,739	38,295	11,696	38,580
Dinagepore	22,217	5,383	2,568	19,089	7,167	2,733
Furreedpore	13,123	12,244	41,256	20,679	14,197	40,723
Gya	41,902	38,939	85,927	32,560	38,455	38,885
Hooghly	8,609	32,686	76,196	7,674	12,418	64,815
Jessore	14,409	38,875	33,385	10,327	44,908	33,306
Midnapore	10,056	24,153	1,04,273	3,823	26,282	59,587
Moorshedabad	4,360	7,264	28,213	4,852	5,599	15,620
Mymensingh	50,691	24,251	77,769	56,335	27,521	61,901
Noakhally	8,747	10,197	8,853	10,620	19,276	7,389
Nuddea	7,240	11,847	44,675	3,817	21,526	36,385
Patna	24,402	35,485	63,240	30,917	28,610	66,067
Pubna and Bogra	20,357	7,208	41,671	31,308	19,004	39,765
Purneah	10,801	12,655	14,491	4,862	12,863	10,095
Rajshahye	26,844	19,296	43,273	21,617	20,542	16,651
Rungpore	26,423	13,479	17,635	24,116	12,229	15,459
Sarun	46,909	27,556	84,133	45,405	24,337	56,590
Shahabad	30,054	50,874	67,821	40,326	43,554	74,423
Tipperah	32,188	39,848	32,792	25,980	49,503	47,631
Tirhoot	80,114	86,983	87,571	52,000	55,251	65,445
24-Pergunnahs	43,737	54,094	80,616	53,356	34,420	60,280
Chota Nagpore	39,477	13,724	86,366	20,766	18,589	67,569
Total	7,26,779	7,13,889	14,30,451	7,03,976	6,90,509	11,04,542

N.

Appeals how disposed of.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	247	54	67	14	34	416
	Bankura	208	47	71	8	8	342
	Beerbhoom	186	15	59	13	20	293
	Midnapore	448	75	143	13	169	848
	Hooghly	366	39	94	16	122	637
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	651	115	199	84	43	1,092
	Nuddea	176	43	77	19	26	341
	Jessore	492	76	208	44	43	863
	Moorshedabad	130	15	89	3	8	245
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	110	14	33	18	5	180
	Rajshahye	229	69	85	21	19	423
	Rungpore	218	37	109	18	7	389
	Pubna and Bogra	457	44	86	7	47	341
DACCA	Dacca	383	78	102	20	33	616
	Furreedpore	300	49	127	15	62	553
	Backergunge	207	49	74	17	42	389
	Mymensingh	894	89	308	67	56	1,414
	Tipperah	861	221	309	37	101	1,529
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	479	105	243	38	72	937
	Noakhally	274	109	72	6	61	522
PATNA	Patna	370	61	235	4	79	749
	Gya	220	13	86	11	3	333
	Shahabad	559	129	77	25	97	887
	Tirhoot	720	180	444	42	176	1,562
	Saru	529	67	252	37	61	946
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	277	46	56	28	69	476
	Purneah	134	35	36	14	4	223
ORISSA	Cuttack	146	7	92	9	58	312
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	232	57	95	29	19	432
	TOTAL	10,503	1,938	3,928	677	1,544	18,590

Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	42	28	39	36	16	11
	Bankura	33	26	29	30	6	2
	Beerbhoom	20	20	27	20	2	2
	Midnapore	58	107	66	98	13	25
	Hooghly	52	44	63	28	4	20
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	116	152	115	146	15	23
	Nuddea	44	36	46	39	11	8
	Jessore	126	113	121	111	14	17
	Moorshedabad	22	24	17	24	7	9
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	7	15	4	16	3	2
	Rajshahye	38	48	33	52	12	8
	Rungpore	18	41	22	30	...	11
	Pubna and Bogra	35	67	33	83	22	10
DACCA	Dacca	114	60	116	51	11	11
	Furreedpore	49	38	53	61	28	10
	Backergunge	105	110	96	126	26	11
	Mymensingh	74	67	63	86	29	10
	Tipperah	137	297	144	286	28	46
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	153	147	145	147	92	93
	Noakhally	13	34	14	23	...	11
PATNA	Patna	75	75	61	81	21	16
	Gya	45	44	40	37	18	25
	Shahabad	54	71	83	67	5	10
	Tirhoot	204	282	204	118	34	207
	Sarun	55	68	54	60	15	24
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	47	55	52	40	3	18
	Purneah	10	12	19	12	1	1
ORISSA	Cuttack	15	46	8	45	8	9
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	41	49	62	39	8	18
	TOTAL	1,802	2,166	1,829	1,992	452	668

P 1.

Work done by District Judges, 1883.

DISTRICTS.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.	Number of Sessions trials.	Number of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge	136	128	8	281	98	109	40	191
Beerbhoom	188	64	15	112	123	19	33	48
Bhagulpore	151	128	3	99	301	36	60	128
Burdwan	84	157	34	222	37	36	46(a)	156(b)
Bankura	202	48	23	77	195	28	17	...
Chittagong	72	182	4	264	30	85	26	109
Cuttack	133	139	...	46	266	42	40	201
Dacca	130	129	52	302	170	34	61	334
Dinagepore	125	97	8	86	172	16	53	52
Furreedpore	146	120	11	126	258	55	35	91
Gya	152	99	11	95	192	37	62	156
Hooghly	114	132	23	393	113	16	40	168
Jessore	124	125	26	275	255	58	84	133
Midnapore	113	142	26	325	295	74	87	142
Moorshedabad	184	53	53	189	234	24	42	124
Mymensingh	115	173	10	159	130	36	72	433
Noakhally	212	47	36	102	522	23	13	76
Nuddea	152	92	24	422	216	38	48	201
Patna	142	60	23	603	527	76	40	185
Pubna and Bogra	126	139	16	189	262	76	44	174
Purneah	173	86	40	87	223	12	30	32
Rajshahye	152	97	6	135	277	51	44	158
Rungpore	131	106	4	110	100	27	59	145
Sarun	127	119	...	213	210	48	96	172
Shahabad	188	70	4	190	493	60	36	163
Tipperah	160	90	2	149	281	205	30	175
Tirhoot	149	110	32	223	456	76	67	154
24-Pergunnahs	214	36	41	382	222	126	2	160
Chota Nagpore	151	117	...	2	213	16	56	133
TOTAL	4,246	3,085	535	5,858	6,871	1,539	1,372	4,385

(*a*) Of these 15 were commitments and references from Bankura.
(*b*) Of these 52 were appeals from orders passed by 1st class Magistrates and the Assistant Sessions Judge of Bankura.

P 2.

Work done by Additional Judges.

DISTRICTS.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.	Number of Sessions trials.	Number of Criminal Appeals.
Hooghly Howrah	...	36	...	...	...	...	29	...
24-Pergunnahs	94	113	1	1	204	1	80	...
TOTAL	94	149	1	1	204	1	109	..

P 3.

Work done by Subordinate Judges.

Districts.	Suits.				Miscellaneous.			Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Cases before Appellate Courts.
	Withdrawn, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.		
Backergunge . { 1st Sub-Judge	31	55	45	131	233	61	...	98	7
Backergunge . { 2nd ditto	8	25	17	50	164	14	...	193	10
Beerbhoom	19	10	52	81	63	46	...	170	1
Bhagulpore . { 1st Sub-Judge	13	7	35	55	22	29	...	88	4
Bhagulpore . { 2nd ditto	47	77	85	209	293	191	...	87	...
Burdwan . { 1st Sub-Judge	25	42	26	93	133	100	3	154	...
Burdwan . { 2nd ditto	8	3	27	38	5	29	...	225	...
Bankura	1	8	8	17	...	1	...	147	2
Chittagong . { 1st Sub-Judge	1	...	2	3	1	...	...	405	28
Chittagong . { 2nd ditto	22	12	37	71	82	19	...	502	34
Cuttack	27	21	39	87	132	42	...	46	3
Dacca . { 1st Sub-Judge	20	31	36	87	147	50	...	272	7
Dacca . { 2nd ditto	27	36	48	111	55	44	...	174	10
Dinagepore	12	23	11	46	155	15	2	...	...
Deputy Commissioner of Darjeeling as Sub-Judge	4	5	5	14	8	7	...	8	...
Furreedpore . { Sub-Judge	10	15	21	46	69	23	...	228	6
Furreedpore . { Additional ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	...
Gya . { 1st Sub-Judge	59	44	87	190	155	49	5	124	...
Gya . { 2nd ditto	6	2	29	37	...	...	...	17	...
Hooghly . { 1st Sub-Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Hooghly . { 2nd ditto	43	41	42	126	120	65	...	350	8
Hooghly . { 3rd ditto	14	20	22	56	53	21	4	173	3
Jessore	31	18	34	83	53	60	2	288	13
Small Cause Court Judge with powers of Sub-Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Khoolna	19	28	40	87	14	60	4	317	37
Midnapore . { 1st Sub-Judge	39	41	48	128	191	129	...	36	2
Midnapore . { 2nd ditto	8	1	15	24	14	5	...	517	22
Moorshedabad	18	22	16	56	65	37	...	11	...
Mymensingh . { 1st Sub-Judge	13	44	38	95	136	53	3	430	21
Mymensingh . { Additional ditto	1	...	12	13	4	33	...	854	29
Noakhally	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	34	28	43	105	77	27	...	125	1
Patna . { 1st Sub-Judge	25	28	88	141	130	66	...	16	...
Patna . { 2nd ditto	36	13	86	135	134	63	...	99	
Patna . { Additional ditto	34	28	58	120	12	17	...	107	2
Pubna . { Sub-Judge	34	22	59	115	132	89	...	289	4
Pubna . { Additional ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90	3
Purneah . { Subordinate Judge	17	35	32	84	36	18	2	...	...
Purneah . { Covenanted ditto	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	26	25	37	88	100	41	...	146	1
Rungpore	380	499	310	1,189	123	50	...	243	...
Sub-Judge of Julpigoree	5	10	9	24	17	10	...	46	3
Sarun . { 1st Sub-Judge	41	41	62	144	74	30	...	380	10
Sarun . { 2nd ditto	35	25	47	107	125	83	...	356	2
Shahabad . { Covenanted Sub-Judge	...	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad . { Sub-Judge	36	25	91	152	146	186	...	196	7
Shahabad . { Additional ditto	6	1	20	27	3	11	...	198	...
Tipperah . { 1st Sub-Judge	17	44	89	150	82	72	...	342	53
Tipperah . { 2nd ditto	4	...	7	11	48	19	...	531	13
Tipperah . { Additional ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	375	15
Tirhoot . { 1st Sub-Judge	23	35	77	135	103	62	...	331	1
Tirhoot . { 2nd ditto	46	56	84	186	186	125	2	369	22
Tirhoot . { Additional ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	406	19
24-Pergunnahs . { 1st Sub-Judge	62	36	48	146	112	61	2	225	4
24-Pergunnahs . { 2nd ditto	49	24	79	152	100	72	...	441	15
Chota Nagpore	47	28	78	153	130	163	...	219	23
Total	1,484	1,634	2,285	5,403	4,237	2,448	29	11,515	452

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DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFI.	SUITS.				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
BACKERGUNGE	Burisal, 1st	1,038	1,972	512	3,522	1,826	299	138
	Do., 2nd	822	1,959	511	3,292	1,473	193	53
	Do., 3rd	182	670	146	998	607	69	...
	Do., 4th	358	793	192	1,343	336	73	...
	Bhola, 1st	608	1,147	613	2,368	1,290	197	90
	Do., 2nd	357	410	318	1,085	765	160	...
	Patuakhally, 1st	256	382	212	850	806	102	...
	Do., 2nd	506	1,262	435	2,203	311	64	...
	Do., 3rd	907	2,009	695	3,611	1,129	135	73
	Perozepore, 1st	301	413	284	998	475	103	...
	Do., 2nd	761	1,767	755	3,283	1,822	231	76
	Do., 3rd	301	516	287	1,104	340	63	...
	TOTAL	6,397	13,300	4,960	24,657	11,180	1,689	430
BEERBHOOM	Suri	407	351	354	1,112	660	88	13
	Dubrajpur	432	336	226	994	426	91	22
	Bholepur	623	567	364	1,554	598	111	6
	Rampore Haut	961	518	434	1,913	549	59	12
	TOTAL	2,423	1,772	1,378	5,573	2,233	349	53
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore, 1st	471	471	444	1,386	408	139	606
	Do., 2nd	5	1	38	44	...	...	...
	Monghyr, 1st	474	438	222	1,134	705	318	427
	Do., 2nd	89	115	141	345	...	21	...
	Do., 3rd	134	70	171	375	68	67	...
	Jumooee	251	238	169	658	166	45	719
	Begooserai	660	321	420	1,401	437	121	156
	Modheypoora	1,073	596	364	2,033	534	98	46
	Banka	601	346	276	1,223	178	54	234
	TOTAL	3,758	2,596	2,245	8,599	2,496	863	2,188
BURDWAN	Sudder, 1st	743	669	288	1,700	616	198	27
	Do., 2nd	597	719	280	1,596	430	154	18
	Do., 3rd	649	626	262	1,537	650	159	63
	Culna, 1st	1,175	679	303	2,157	613	187	59
	Do., 2nd	19	50	54	123	...	...	...
	Cutwa, 1st	549	593	361	1,503	506	187	64
	Do., 2nd	447	425	284	1,156	405	111	35
	Bood-Bood	705	950	419	2,074	993	180	142
	Raneegunge	870	339	329	1,538	501	108	57
	Covenanted Munsif of Burdwan	13	11	4	28	1	...	...
	Do. do. Raneegunge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL	5,767	5,061	2,584	13,412	4,715	1,284	465
BANKURA	Bankura	1,025	835	351	2,211	1,049	122	61
	Gungajalghati	454	367	174	995	534	104	80
	Bishenpur	885	507	251	1,643	795	135	33
	Kotulpur	555	575	206	1,336	697	143	48
	Khattra	621	172	302	1,095	587	55	56
	TOTAL	3,540	2,456	1,284	7,280	3,662	559	278
CHITTAGONG	Sudder	376	254	505	1,135	464	120	19
	Meerserai	511	516	630	1,657	704	112	52
	Satkanea	409	363	343	1,115	518	43	18
	North Raojan	241	474	469	1,184	666	83	19
	South Raojan	409	177	426	1,012	351	64	12
	North Putteah, 1st	356	100	406	862	671	96	...
	South do. 2nd	784	713	656	2,153	1,397	181	96
	Hathazari	377	383	681	1,441	486	71	69
	Fatikcharri	480	203	489	1,172	361	58	29
	Anwara	558	186	357	1,101	401	153	20
	Cox's Bazar	278	96	136	510	256	16	26
	TOTAL	4,779	3,465	5,098	13,342	6,275	997	360

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DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFI.	SUITS.				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
CUTTACK	Sudder, 1st	2,785	1,088	603	4,476	441	204	...
	Do., 2nd	63	28	84	175	13	23	...
	Balasore	1,122	362	260	1,744	333	117	...
	Puri	1,165	706	243	2,114	386	194	...
	Jajpore	1,818	308	323	2,449	661	149	...
	TOTAL	6,953	2,492	1,513	10,958	1,834	687	...
DACCA	Sudder, 1st	296	433	332	1,061	525	95	...
	Do., 2nd	377	1,367	329	2,073	298	69	109
	Do., 3rd	27	120	15	162	23	4	5
	Do., Additional	29	18	29	76	...	...	...
	Do., Extra	1	...	6	7	...	...	...
	Kaligunge, 1st	243	2,132	526	2,901	489	44	36
	Do. 2nd	385	725	320	1,430	363	74	...
	Manikgunge, 1st	864	1,262	562	2,688	474	105	236
	Do., 2nd	492	363	279	1,134	338	70	...
	Do., 3rd	299	335	212	846	242	78	...
	Munshigunge, 1st	723	1,411	668	2,802	1,185	124	450
	Do. 2nd	362	1,210	502	2,074	245	68	47
	Naraingunge	240	535	206	981	89	10	36
	TOTAL	4,338	9,911	3,986	18,235	4,271	741	919
DINAGEPORE	Sub-Judge with powers of Munsif	179	245	102	526	146	40	...
	Small Cause Court Judge of Darjeeling with powers of Munsif	63	32	6	101	33	5	
	Small Cause Court Judge of Kurseong with powers of Munsif	35	29	12	76	9	...	...
	Sudder	564	1,436	473	2,473	503	54	157
	Do. Extra	40	70	24	134	15	21	...
	Patnitollah	342	568	158	1,068	148	29	130
	Hemtabad	664	1,041	425	2,130	247	60	103
	Thakurgaon	293	1,005	459	1,757	338	66	477
	Chintaman	318	652	184	1,154	130	78	142
	Terai	63	43	29	135	38	5	...
	TOTAL	2,561	5,121	1,872	9,554	1,607	358	1,009
FURREEDPORE	Sudder	466	933	266	1,665	816	69	75
	Bhanga, 1st	873	924	322	2,119	482	55	...
	Do., 2nd	599	1,483	363	2,445	826	96	2
	Goalundo, 1st	290	168	185	643	192	73	...
	Do., 2nd	845	895	593	2,333	647	78	110
	Madaripur, 1st	205	1,546	278	2,029	747	104	14
	Do., 2nd	86	231	90	407	44	7	...
	Mulfatganj, 1st	843	1,192	478	2,513	250	58	86
	Do., 2nd	256	388	184	828	216	68	...
	TOTAL	4,463	7,760	2,759	14,982	4,220	608	287
GYA	Sudder, 1st	446	260	305	1,011	370	170	106
	Do., 2nd	334	187	340	861	359	114	547
	Do., 3rd	34	2	80	116	...	...	...
	Do., aditional	127	40	87	254	4	...	...
	Arangabad	184	81	193	458	158	58	8
	TOTAL	1,125	570	1,005	2,700	891	342	661
HOOGHLY	Sudder, 1st	494	310	237	1,041	380	109	22
	Do., 2nd	481	319	267	1,067	256	68	220
	Howrah, 1st	519	567	249	1,335	505	188	356
	Do., 2nd	436	518	449	1,403	432	161	...
	Serampore, 1st	876	952	546	2,374	871	300	93
	Do., 2nd	91	164	101	356	...	...	...
	Haripal	632	329	314	1,275	652	105	172
	Ulubariah	701	276	270	1,247	456	223	332
	Amta	703	427	380	1,510	611	192	705
	Jahanabad, 1st	803	441	346	1,590	529	96	445
	Do., 2nd	406	193	165	764	303	98	...
	TOTAL	6,142	4,496	3,324	13,962	4,995	1,540	2,345

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DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFS.	SUITS.				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
JESSORE	Sudder, 1st	585	721	327	1,633	1,177	107	22
	Do., 2nd	599	1,166	432	2,197	1,279	199	28
	Do., 3rd	690	1,160	609	2,459	1,354	250	50
	Do., extra	101	112	144	357	...	1	...
	Narail, 1st	476	625	393	1,494	812	111	115
	Do., 2nd	349	490	265	1,104	541	56	20
	Jhanidah	753	874	580	2,207	775	172	190
	Do., extra	25	14	52	91	...	5	...
	Bagirhat, 1st	794	947	659	2,400	836	137	191
	Do., 2nd	289	254	275	818	349	81	..
	Magoorah	943	955	683	2,581	895	116	53
	Khulnah	1,206	1,609	822	3,637	1,113	247	68
	Satkhira, 1st	1,194	1,194	718	3,106	885	193	69
	Do., 2nd	359	356	201	1,006	407	107	...
	TOTAL	8,363	10,477	6,250	25,090	10,423	1,782	806
MIDNAPORE	Sudder, 1st	2,082	1,802	593	4,477	2,108	128	402
	Do., 2nd	366	133	93	592	613	139	...
	Do., 3rd	82	29	83	194	23	2	...
	Dantun	602	378	198	1,178	245	137	32
	Nemal, 1st	1,348	641	502	2,491	733	239	70
	Do., 2nd	554	206	348	1,108	535	99	...
	Do., 3rd	31	19	107	157	...	2	...
	Garbettah	923	1,104	209	2,236	615	220	173
	Tumlook, 1st	1,188	452	277	1,917	491	327	447
	Do., 2nd	542	138	236	916	375	178	...
	Ghattal, 1st	654	294	172	1,120	401	193	368
	Do., 2nd	61	18	82	161	12	13	...
	Covenanted Munsif	...	...	3	3	3	...	...
	TOTAL	8,433	5,214	2,903	16,550	6,354	1,677	1,492
MOORSHEDABAD	Covenanted Munsif	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
	Sudder, 1st	177	137	73	387	73	18	9
	Do., 2nd	773	591	420	1,784	309	66	57
	Do., Additional	359	401	395	1,155	293	64	17
	Do., do.	107	71	59	237	9	4	...
	Kandi	1,067	779	746	2,592	807	160	108
	Jungipur	901	1,157	583	2,641	695	122	201
	Do., Additional	314	388	309	1,011	305	95	9
	Azimgunge	660	704	425	1,789	489	99	106
	Do., Additional	39	32	18	89	...	...	...
	Lalbagh	501	403	166	1,070	198	36	74
	TOTAL	4,898	4,663	3,194	12,755	3,181	664	581
MYMENSINGH	Sudder	1,117	1,267	424	2,808	381	100	50
	Ishraganj	186	1,587	348	2,071	370	77	32
	Ghosegong	299	1,167	272	1,738	503	54	60
	Hosseinpore, 1st	616	1,215	420	2,251	769	73	20
	Do., 2nd	47	92	51	190	25	4	...
	Do., Additional	17	41	19	77	...	...	...
	Pingnah	325	978	328	1,631	387	130	15
	Do., Additional	56	91	67	214	...	2	...
	Sherepore	315	507	253	1,075	220	67	8
	Attia, 1st	248	1,122	419	1,789	447	124	207
	Do., 2nd	328	563	461	1,352	379	105	...
	Netrakona, 1st	703	1,278	506	2,487	811	52	12
	Do., 2nd	334	836	458	1,628	607	74	...
	Bazitpore	513	1,001	380	1,894	442	78	3
	Jamalpore	301	690	321	1,312	299	65	9
	TOTAL	5,405	12,385	4,727	22,517	5,640	1,000	416
NOAKHALLY	Sudharam, 1st	791	710	590	2,091	759	74	47
	Do., 2nd	230	142	172	544	296	72	..
	Lakhipore, 1st	777	1,171	583	2,531	1,208	116	41
	Do., 2nd	298	456	277	1,031	522	61	...
	Sandip	445	247	425	1,117	566	96	98
	Begumgunge	973	698	441	2,112	1,012	81	108
	Dowanganj, 1st	468	584	505	1,557	709	67	377
	Do., 2nd	223	149	348	720	131	25	...
	TOTAL	4,205	4,157	3,341	11,708	5,293	592	666

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DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFS.	SUITS.				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
NUDDEA	Kishnaghur, 1st	235	231	229	695	421	63	63
	Do., 2nd	182	168	87	437	265	27	...
	Kooshteah, 1st	281	330	431	1,042	559	170	36
	Do., 2nd	220	320	215	755	370	79	21
	Do., Extra	26	24	59	109	1	4	...
	Meherpore	327	225	84	636	190	42	70
	Bongong, 1st	860	794	440	2,094	745	68	87
	Do., 2nd	196	66	117	379	270	34	...
	Ranaghat	428	319	219	966	398	103	39
	Chooadangah	343	261	171	775	394	93	77
	Covenanted Munsif	15	8	8	31	...	...	...
	TOTAL	3,113	2,746	2,060	7,919	3,622	683	387
PATNA	Sudder, 1st	687	413	348	1,448	495	166	314
	Do., 2nd	295	113	300	708	389	100	94
	Do., 3rd	376	270	470	1,116	546	106	179
	Behar	247	73	285	605	305	135	84
	TOTAL	1,605	869	1,403	3,877	1,735	507	671
PUBNA AND BOGRA	Pubna	444	606	705	1,755	565	161	49
	Bogra, 1st	462	1,321	494	2,277	571	100	67
	Nubabgunge, Sonamukhi	414	498	191	1,103	194	59	127
	Shazadpore	550	465	290	1,305	462	52	224
	Serajgunge	415	1,145	297	1,857	741	61	197
	Covenanted Munsif	8	6	9	23	10	2	...
	TOTAL	2,293	4,041	1,986	8,320	2,543	435	664
PURNEAH	Sudder	425	1,750	585	2,760	410	226	273
	Kudba	207	979	162	1,348	110	42	121
	Arrareah, 1st	682	764	270	1,716	391	163	335
	Do., 2nd	59	47	131	237	133	48	...
	Kishenganj, 1st	1,242	805	654	2,701	478	181	597
	Do., 2nd	318	138	414	870	86	62	...
	TOTAL	2,933	4,483	2,216	9,632	1,608	722	1,326
RAJSHAHYE	Beauleah, 1st	693	449	330	1,472	474	113	194
	Do., 2nd	69	47	39	155	...	...	...
	Nattore, 1st	769	590	375	1,734	495	119	103
	Do., 2nd	155	84	128	367	10	16	...
	Maldah, 1st	1,167	717	511	2,395	593	119	202
	Do., 2nd	164	254	169	587	20	17	...
	Sibganj	343	876	299	1,518	422	115	93
	TOTAL	3,360	3,017	1,851	8,228	2,014	499	592
RUNGPORE	Rungpore, 1st	436	590	307	1,333	224	52	12
	Do., 2nd	221	370	228	819	163	58	18
	Do., 3rd	157	373	149	679	138	46	7
	Kurigram, 1st	932	812	614	2,358	859	80	113
	Do., 2nd	434	427	333	1,194	266	81	19
	Nelphamari, 1st	793	700	444	1,937	358	86	24
	Do., 2nd	486	369	230	1,085	229	34	10
	Gaibanda, 1st	389	1,164	352	1,845	367	71	72
	Do., 2nd	272	363	181	816	243	87	...
	Julpigori	671	501	245	1,417	224	87	...
	Alipore	112	29	34	175	44	16	...
	Covenanted Munsif	52	27	42	121	...	21	...
	TOTAL	4,955	5,665	3,159	13,779	3,115	719	275
SARUN	Chupra, 1st	252	206	246	704	365	145	...
	Do., 2nd	122	57	118	297	202	37	...
	Do., 3rd	660	510	495	1,665	399	59	459
	Covenanted Munsif of Chupra	16	6	11	33	2	...	...
	Sewan, 1st	619	238	400	1,257	484	203	508
	Do., 2nd	83	19	73	175	...	1	...
	Motihari	999	353	320	1,672	451	271	851
	TOTAL	2,751	1,389	1,663	5,803	1,903	716	1,818

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Showing the number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1883—concluded.

DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFS.	SUITS.				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
SHAHABAD	Arrah, 1st	382	170	198	750	509	159	...
	Do., 2nd	890	912	620	2,422	850	159	503
	Do., 3rd	276	162	478	916	209	54	...
	Buxar	646	521	391	1,558	682	106	271
	Covenanted Munsif of Buxar	13	...	28	41	3	...	...
	Sasseeram	445	110	410	965	346	150	804
	TOTAL	2,652	1,875	2,125	6,652	2,599	628	1,578
TIPPERAH	Commillah, 1st	280	312	547	1,139	409	121	...
	Do., 2nd	729	629	639	1,997	526	176	111
	Brahmanbariah, 1st	1,074	1,375	566	3,015	499	110	78
	Do., 2nd	264	423	502	1,189	590	137	...
	Gouripura, 1st	922	856	557	2,335	776	153	436
	Do., 2nd	278	161	373	812	87	18	...
	Kusba, 1st	550	507	503	1,560	474	110	75
	Do., 2nd	43	26	86	155	...	2	...
	Ramroygram	914	418	753	2,085	459	67	375
	Muradnagar, 1st	494	446	269	1,209	325	63	...
	Do., 2nd	486	377	566	1,429	286	62	745
	Do., 3rd	627	699	331	1,657	380	90	...
	Chandpore, 1st	1,167	1,431	303	2,901	1,285	48	36
	Do., 2d	347	516	399	1,262	350	7	8
	TOTAL	8,175	8,176	6,394	22,745	6,446	1,164	1,864
TIRHOOT	Mozufferpore, 1st	289	338	223	850	295	95	...
	Do., 2nd	403	233	443	1,079	332	64	445
	Tajpore	321	348	534	1,203	729	53	208
	Covenanted Munsif of Tajpore	34	10	21	65	...	4	...
	Hajipore, 1st	577	412	398	1,387	387	106	161
	Do., 2nd	54	4	75	133	...	...	...
	Madhubani	371	330	214	915	280	60	338
	Darbhangah	395	320	484	1,199	339	102	368
	Sitamarhi	321	140	470	931	412	133	389
	TOTAL	2,765	2,135	2,862	7,762	2,774	617	1,909
24-PERGUNNAHS	Alipore, 1st	272	141	223	636	381	74	..
	Do., 2nd	1,142	1,411	760	3,313	404	209	234
	Do., 3rd	297	124	228	649	188	52	...
	Covenanted Munsif	10	3	20	33	1	...	..
	Diamond Harbour, 1st	1,219	1,827	554	3,600	1,062	328	424
	Do., 2nd	515	303	180	998	308	151	...
	Do., 3rd	360	303	186	849	91	59	...
	Baraset, 1st	1,000	802	551	2,353	606	134	142
	Do., 2nd	470	175	294	939	324	108	..
	Basirhat, 1st	1,228	800	491	2,519	635	155	196
	Do., 2nd	375	168	192	735	342	95	...
	Sealdah	529	408	403	1,340	417	162	25
	Barripore, 1st	1,044	563	298	1,905	593	114	235
	Do., 2nd	664	468	334	1,466	61	36	...
	TOTAL	9,125	7,496	4,714	21,335	5,415	1,677	1,256
CHOTA NAGPORE	Lohardugga	73	35	55	163	55	13	...
	Ranchi	156	80	167	403	161	36	...
	Palamow	157	51	96	304	97	18	...
	Hazareebagh	131	66	79	276	89	54	...
	Chattra	85	25	39	149	71	47	...
	Khurruckdea	189	158	131	478	179	29	...
	Purulia	417	195	244	856	352	90	...
	Barabazar	229	110	154	493	172	36	...
	Raghoonathpore	213	117	189	519	243	24	...
	Gobindpore	65	32	72	169	58	12	...
	Assistant Commissioner of Ranchi as Munsif	2	2	5	9	3	...	...
	Assistant Commissioner of Singbhoom as Munsif	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
	TOTAL	1,718	871	1,231	3,820	1,480	359	...
	GRAND TOTAL	1,28,995	1,38,659	84,087	3,51,741	1,14,524	24,458	25,296

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Average duration of cases.

Districts.	Procedure*	District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsifs.		Small Cause Court Judges.	
		Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.
		Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Backergunge	O.	0 6 3	0 3 28	0 4 29	0 3 9	0 3 28	0 2 2	0 1 8	0 0 20
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 12	0 1 2	...	...
Beerbhoom	O.	0 5 9	0 1 27	0 5 17	0 1 25	0 3 19	0 1 21	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 1	0 0 24	...	...
Bhagulpore	...	1 8 8	1 0 16	0 8 5	0 3 21	0 4 11	0 1 26	0 1 6	0 0 26
Burdwan	O.	1 1 6	0 6 22	0 8 10	0 3 6	0 3 19	0 2 0	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 22	0 0 26	...	...
Bankura	O.	0 8 17	0 4 15	0 10 21	0 2 20	0 4 11	0 1 28	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 13	0 0 27	...	...
Chittagong	O.	0 4 4	...	0 5 6	0 2 24	0 3 22	0 1 23	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 18	0 1 3	...	...
Cuttack	O.	...	...	1 1 6	0 3 3	0 4 19	0 1 27	0 1 3	0 0 16
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 0	0 0 26	...	...
Dacca	O.	0 7 10	0 5 10	0 7 20	0 4 1	0 3 23	0 1 23	0 1 9	0 0 23
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 11	0 0 26	...	...
Dinagepore	O.	0 5 11	0 3 25	0 6 14	0 2 28	0 3 3	0 1 16	0 0 27	0 0 28
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 17	0 1 3	...	...
Furreedpore	O.	0 4 21	0 5 29	0 8 12	0 2 26	0 3 22	0 1 21	0 1 17	0 1 6
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 4	0 0 22	...	...
Gya	O.	0 6 18	...	0 3 8	0 3 21	0 6 17	0 3 9	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 20	0 1 9	...	...
Hooghly	O.	0 4 20	0 5 16	0 7 23	0 3 12	0 3 6	0 1 13	0 1 7	0 1 8
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 0	0 0 23	...	...
Jessore	O.	0 5 12	...	0 6 18	0 3 4	0 3 0	0 1 17	0 0 23	0 0 13
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 0	0 0 21	...	...
Midnapore	O.	0 3 19	0 1 21	0 7 7	0 3 6	0 6 28	0 2 1	0 0 29	0 0 27
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 0	0 0 23	...	...
Moorshedabad	O.	0 4 8	0 3 19	0 5 4	0 3 4	0 5 11	0 2 1	0 1 5	0 1 10
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 17	0 1 7	...	...
Mymensingh	O.	0 2 24	0 3 18	0 6 21	0 2 15	0 4 7	0 1 25	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 7	0 0 26	...	...
Noakhally	O.	0 5 20	0 3 9	...	...	0 4 7	0 1 25	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 24	0 0 26	...	...
Nuddea	O.	0 6 12	0 7 8	0 9 15	0 3 18	0 4 3	0 2 0	0 0 27	0 0 24
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 26	0 0 19	...	...
Patna	O.	0 3 26	0 2 23	0 10 24	0 4 6	0 4 7	0 2 15	0 0 29	0 0 25
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 4	0 0 22	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	O.	0 5 29	0 11 14	0 9 21	0 4 20	0 4 21	0 2 2	0 0 24	0. 0 15
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 12	0 0 26		
Purneah	O.	0 4 7	0 2 29	0 4 28	0 2 22	0 4 4	0 1 28	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 29	0 0 27		
Rajshahye	O.	0 5 9	0 2 21	0 8 7	0 3 24	0 3 19	0 2 0	0 0 23	0 0 24
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 4	0 1 4	...	...
Rungpore	O.	0 6 21	...	0 4 28	0 2 22	0 3 22	0 1 24	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 0 27	0 0 23	0 0 27	0 0 25	...	...
Sarun	O.	...	...	0 7 18	0 3 12	0 4 4	0 2 3	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 2	0 0 29	...	...
Shahabad	O.	0 9 26	0 3 20	0 8 0	0 3 15	0 4 11	0 2 14	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 26	0 0 26	...	...
Tipperah	O.	0 1 23	...	0 9 1	0 1 21	0 5 4	0 2 5	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 16	0 1 0	...	...
Tirhoot	O.	0 1 12	0 1 8	0 3 14	0 1 27	0 3 25	0 1 21	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 23	0 0 19	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	O.	0 8 20	0 2 5	0 11 16	0 6 1	0 4 13	0 2 7	0 0 25	0 0 15
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 27	0 1 4	...	...
Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	0 7 14	0 2 23	0 2 12	0 1 4	...	...
General average	O.	0 5 19	0 4 7	0 7 14	0 3 10	0 4 0	0 1 26	0 1 2	0 0 22
	S.	...	...	0 0 27	0 0 23	0 1 10	0 0 28	...	...

* O indicates suits disposed of under the procedure generally applicable in the Regular Civil Courts; S those disposed of under Small Cause Court powers.

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Total Receipts and Charges of Civil Courts, 1883.

Districts.	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.	Deficit.
	₹	₹	₹	₹
Backergunge	3,84,119	1,41,693	2,42,426	...
Beerbhoom	1,11,082	86,527	24,555	...
Bhagulpore	2,79,554	1,20,026	1,59,528	...
Burdwan	2,02,051	1,11,574	90,477	...
Bankura	1,28,916	72,658	56,258	...
Chittagong	2,17,654	1,41,721	75,933	...
Cuttack	1,59,921	87,878	72,043	...
Dacca	3,49,000	1,55,487	1,93,513	...
Dinagepore	1,44,308	94,211	50,097	...
Furreedpore	2,02,338	1,06,818	95,520	...
Gya	1,47,570	70,979	76,591	...
Hooghly	3,02,213	1,58,175	1,44,038	...
Jessore	4,42,882	1,95,540	2,47,342	...
Midnapore	2,53,070	1,26,767	1,26,303	...
Moorshedabad	1,63,364	99,394	63,970	...
Mymensing	3,96,279	1,41,161	2,55,118	...
Noakhally	1,78,874	91,677	87,197	...
Nuddea	2,49,373	1,52,288	97,085	...
Patna	2,75,315	1,11,295	1,64,020	...
Pubna and Bogra	1,75,501	86,015	89,486	
Purneah	1,53,515	74,757	78,758	...
Rajshahye	1,61,453	86,915	74,538	...
Rungpore	2,04,104	1,29,487	74,617	...
Sarun	1,79,466	95,941	83,525	...
Shahabad	1,74,466	1,01,896	72,570	...
Tipperah	3,06,729	1,69,924	1,36,805	...
Tirhoot	2,98,940	1,10,310	1,88,630	...
24-Pergunnahs	4,06,882	2,14,844	1,92,038	...
Chota Nagpore	1,19,890	1,36,677	.....	16,787
Total	67,68,829	34,72,635	32,96,194	...
Calcutta	9,44,317	11,60,010	...	2,15,693
GRAND TOTAL	77,13,146	46,32,645	30,80,501	...

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Details of the Receipts and Charges of the several classes of Civil Courts.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS.						CHARGES.						
	In Court-Fee Stamps.		In Cash or Special Stamps.			Total.	Share of Officer's salary debitable to Civil Justice.	Establishment.			Contingencies.		Total.
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Other receipts credited to Government.			Process servers.	Salaried, copying and comparing Clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists, not on the paid establishment.	Contingencies and refunds.	
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	1,22,730	2,40,870	252	14,976	5,291	3,84,119	60,890	29,626	1,580	33,588	7,487	8,522	1,41,693
Beerbhoom	32,771	68,909	39	4,402	4,961	1,11,082	47,064	18,575	883	16,002	2,203	1,800	86,527
Bhagulpore	56,941	2,06,891	212	11,822	3,688	2,79,554	57,898	24,171	610	27,061	5,904	4,382	1,20,026
Burdwan	57,931	1,33,232	234	9,608	1,046	2,02,051	54,010	20,562	1,469	26,053	4,804	4,676	1,11,574
Bankura	40,888	78,135	192	8,018	1,683	1,28,916	34,016	16,204	1,212	14,762	4,008	2,456	72,658
Chittagong	64,607	1,33,390	252	17,620	1,785	2,17,654	57,504	36,690	2,280	27,499	8,636	9,062	1,41,721
Cuttack	34,322	1,13,281	501	5,806	6,011	1,59,921	45,935	15,858	288	20,295	2,817	2,685	87,878
Dacca	97,821	2,28,324	933	18,784	3,138	3,49,000	71,839	28,168	1,925	34,367	9,858	9,330	1,55,487
Dinagepore	39,427	98,414	669	4,226	1,572	1,44,308	51,778	15,933	239	18,976	2,112	5,173	94,211
Furreedpore	69,507	1,20,236	268	10,630	1,697	2,02,338	53,300	19,287	941	23,089	5,313	4,888	1,06,818
Gya	28,598	1,11,332	69	5,201	2,370	1,47,570	37,125	13,292	840	14,506	2,600	2,616	70,979
Hooghly	87,150	1,96,177	313	14,874	3,699	3,02,213	80,831	24,072	1,665	36,783	7,437	7,387	1,58,175
Jessore	1,45,210	2,75,596	298	19,429	2,349	4,42,882	97,015	34,427	1,972	44,420	9,714	7,992	1,95,540
Midnapore	68,285	1,67,565	510	14,415	2,296	2,53,070	60,441	24,789	1,666	29,255	4,348	6,268	1,26,767
Moorshedabad	46,206	1,06,339	85	7,427	3,307	1,63,364	42,724	20,782	861	24,608	4,500	5,919	99,394
Mymensingh	1,36,266	2,38,519	638	17,093	3,763	3,96,279	62,028	31,207	1,651	32,032	8,433	5,810	1,41,161
Noakhally	58,107	1,06,846	271	10,726	2,924	1,78,974	44,514	17,793	1,397	18,688	5,363	3,922	91,677
Nuddea	83,561	1,51,582	288	10,141	3,801	2,49,373	74,490	25,863	1,026	39,178	5,066	6,665	1,52,288
Patna	33,605	1,26,322	47,030	67,115	1,243	2,75,315	63,665	16,349	1,731	21,463	3,806	4,281	1,11,295
Pubna and Bogra	51,985	1,11,758	225	8,838	2,695	1,75,501	42,335	15,818	702	19,687	4,325	3,148	86,015
Purneah	31,378	1,18,344	318	...	3,475	1,53,515	40,495	11,563	...	17,323	...	5,376	74,757
Rajshahye	43,697	1,04,851	482	7,432	4,991	1,61,453	40,824	14,868	977	21,935	3,734	4,577	86,915
Rungpore	61,055	1,30,494	422	9,892	2,241	2,04,104	64,862	23,378	1,180	30,162	4,859	5,046	1,29,487
Sarun	41,273	1,28,266	95	7,991	1,841	1,79,466	48,090	19,100	950	20,763	3,971	3,077	95 941
Shahabad	38,211	1,26,251	92	9,332	580	1,74,466	55,618	19,451	1,099	18,176	4,666	2,886	1,01,896
Tipperah	92,533	1,95,220	476	17,146	1,354	3,06,729	78,697	30,854	1,676	44,510	8,573	5,614	1,69,924
Tirhoot	63,788	2,16,370	544	15,978	2,260	2,98,940	58,056	22,747	1,101	18,234	7,687	2,485	1,10,310
24-Pergunnahs	97,193	2,83,295	246	23,118	3,030	4,06,882	1,20,565	27,297	2,663	45,656	11,546	7,117	2,14,844
Chota Nagpore	28,933	83,715	502	5,041	1,699	1,19,890	73,932	19,288	600	36,755	2,742	3,360	1,36 677
Total for Courts in Interior. Small Cause Courts	1,45,056	2,95,217	177	3,135	1,322	4,44,907	1,21,635	34,725	915	63,895	1,443	8,976	2,31,589
Total for Courts in Interior. Munsifs	14,44,878	27,66,547	54,501	1,54,883	24,445	44,45,254	8,00,885	3,75,723	16,219	3,36,118	77,190	57,236	16,63,371
Total for Courts in Interior. Subordinate Judges	1,72,841	7,69,608	871	5,058	3,879	9,52,257	3,55,972	22,100	400	84,174	2,065	11,826	4,76,537
Total for Courts in Interior. Judges and Additional Judges	91,204	5,69,152	907	2,14,004	51,144	9,26,411	4,42,039	2,05,464	17,650	2,91,639	75,864	68,482	11,01,138
Total	18,53,979	44,00,524	56,456	3,77,080	80,790	67,68,829	17,20,531	6,38,012	35,184	7,75,826	1,56,562	1,46,520	34,72,635
Total for Courts at the Presidency. Presidency Small Cause Court	2,79,967	372	211	...	2,418	2,82,968	89,602	19,753	...	56,245	...	45,414	2,11,014
Total for Courts at the Presidency. High Court. Appellate Side	...	1,72,705	...	...	18,116	1,90,821	3,96,000	...	...	2,21,009	...	38,591	6,55 600
Total for Courts at the Presidency. High Court. Original Side	...	2,43,315	800	...	2,26,413	4,70,528	1,11,000	...	...	1,68,177	...	14,219	2,93,396
Total	2,79,967	4,16,392	1,011	...	2,46,947	9,44,317	5,96,602	19,753	...	4,45,431	...	98,224	11,60,010
GRAND TOTAL	21 33,946	45 16,916	57,467	3,77 080	3,27,737	77,13,146	23,17,133	6 57,765	35,184	12,21,257	1,56,562	2,44,744	44,32,645

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Statement showing the number of Probates, Letters of Administration, and Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860, granted in Bengal during the year 1883, and the amount of duty realized thereon.

SCALE OF VALUE.	COURT.	Number of Probates or Letters of Administration with Will annexed.	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Letters of Administration (as in the case of Intestacy.)	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860.	Amount of Court-fees paid.
			R		R		R
NOT EXCEEDING 1,000	High Court	1	...	3	...	...	...
	District Court	264	...	13	...	1,205	...
ABOVE 1,000 UP TO 5,000	High Court	30	1,754	70	3,668	...	...
	District Court	130	6,760	10	406	213	10,018
ABOVE 5,000 UP TO 10,000	High Court	28	4,295	17	2,391	...	...
	District Court	26	4,194	2	340	56	8,216
ABOVE 10,000 UP TO 50,000	High Court	53	25,573	24	10,113	...	...
	District Court	37	17,096	1	224	25	6,965
ABOVE 50,000 UP TO 1,00,000	High Court	15	21,493	4	5,278	...	...
	District Court	5	10,126	...	...	...	...
ABOVE 1,00,000	High Court	23	1,39,817	5	7,021	...	...
	District Court	6	20,054	...	...	1	2,990
TOTAL	High Court	150	1,92,932	123	28,471	...	...
	District Court	468	58,230	26	970	1,500	28,189
TOTAL — DUTIABLE	.....	353	2,51,162	133	29,441	295	28,189
TOTAL — NOT DUTIABLE	.....	265	...	16	...	1,205	...
GRAND TOTAL	.....	618	2,51,162	149	29,441	1,500	28,189

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Receipts and Disbursements on account of Amins, 1883-84.

Districts.	Permanent Amins.		Temporary Amins.		Fees paid for the employment of Munsifs as Commissioners.	Number of Permanent Amins, with Grade.	
	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Receipts.	Disbursements.		1st Grade.	2nd Grade.
	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹		
Backergunge	2,241	1,890	156	43	...	1	1
Beerbhoom	483	600	165	100	...	...	1
Bhagulpore	1,448	1,440	...	...	35	1	1
Burdwan	592	600	...	...	30	...	1
Bankura	786	582	1,283	928	...	...	1
Chittagong	618	840	...	...	20	1	...
Cuttack	595	840	846	380	10	1	...
Dacca	2,550	1,891	318	118	16	1	2
Dinagepore	860	600	87	27	10	...	1
Furreedpore	774	840	...	...	...	1	...
Gya	597	600	...	...	...	...	1
Hooghly	726	600	...	...	8	...	1
Jessore	1,715	1,750	...	...	10	...	3
Midnapore	477	600	...	...	20	...	1
Moorshedabad	842	840	...	...	...	1	...
Mymensingh	2,395	2,016	245	412	72	1	2
Noakhally	1,137	584	99	269	4	...	1
Nuddea	837	525	...	...	80	...	1
Patna	927	515	651	362	10	...	1
Pubna and Bogra	1,305	805	717	493	50	1	...
Purneah	771	437	...	...	...	...	1
Rajshahye	1,431	1,200	1,179	667	...	...	2
Rungpore	2,220	2,136	...	...	20	1	2
Sarun	777	840	...	...	4	1	...
Shahabad	858	1,175	...	...	...	...	2
Tipperah	906	600	...	...	...	...	1
Tirhoot	2,848	2,154	...	...	...	...	4
24-Pergunnahs	2,282	1,640	1,488	1,488	10	1	2
Chota Nagpore	2,382	1,800	123	123	...	...	3
Add 10 per cent. on account of pension	...	3,094	...	...	...	...	...
Total	36,380	34,035	7,357	5,410	409	12	36

V.

Statistics of Local Enquiries, 1883.

Bengal.

Scale of value.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Average value.	Aggregate cost of local enquiry only.	Average cost of local enquiry.	Average time occupied in enquiry.
		₹	₹	₹	₹	Days.
Cases not exceeding Rs. 5	46	179	4	873	19	4
Ditto „ 20	271	3,999	15	3,520	13	3
Ditto „ 50	273	9,349	34	5,067	18	3
Ditto „ 100	201	14,116	70	4,488	22	5
Ditto „ 500	372	83,564	225	10,183	27	6
Ditto „ 1,000	102	72,968	715	5,844	57	13
Cases exceeding „ 1,000	216	9,83,381	4,552	15,381	71	16
Total	1,481	11,67,556	788·3	45,356	30·6	...

W.

Number of Applications for a declaration of Insolvency instituted, disposed, and pending in the past as compared with the previous year.

Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Backergunge	24	40	14	48	11	3
Beerbhoom	5	11	7	8	...	3
Bhagulpore	20	29	21	27	...	2
Burdwan	19	14	11	17	8	5
Bankura	5	16	4	16	2	2
Chittagong	12	10	11	7	5	8
Cuttack	6	6	6	3	1	4
Dacca	29	25	31	20	2	7
Dinagepore	10	7	11	6	...	1
Furreedpore	4	6	5	6	1	1
Gya	3	9	2	6	1	4
Hooghly	49	44	61	38	7	13
Jessore	3	6	4	6	1	1
Midnapore	9	18	10	16	...	2
Moorshedabad	14	12	13	15	4	1
Mymensingh	7	13	10	11	1	3
Noakhally	13	12	12	13	2	1
Nuddea	10	19	11	21	3	1
Patna	8	24	9	24	3	3
Pubna and Bogra	11	9	9	16	7	...
Purneah	5	7	5	5	...	2
Rajshahye	3	16	3	14	1	3
Rungpore	9	9	10	8	...	1
Sarun	5	9	4	9	2	2
Shahabad	2	4	2	4	...	...
Tipperah	24	21	23	22	3	2
Tirhoot	14	15	12	16	6	5
24-Pergunnahs	45	63	54	51	3	15
Chota Nagpore	2	3	5	3	1	1
Total	370	477	380	456	75	96

W 1.

Number of Persons declared to be Insolvents, and of those who obtained their discharge during the past as compared with the previous year.

Districts.	Declared to be Insolvent.		Discharged.		Pending.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Backergunge	3	20	3	20	...	...
Beerbhoom	2	4	2	4	...	...
Bhagulpore	12	16	11	16	1	1
Burdwan	1	6	1	6	...	...
Bankura	1	6	1	6	...	...
Chittagong	3	...	3	...	...	...
Cuttack	1	3	1	3	...	...
Dacca	8	6	8	5	...	1
Dinagepore	4	1	5	1	...	...
Furreedpore	4	3	4	3	...	...
Gya	2	1	2	1	...	...
Hooghly	19	6	19	6	...	...
Jessore	3	1	3	1	...	...
Midnapore	5	5	5	4	...	1
Moorshedabad	3	9	3	9	...	...
Mymensingh	2	6	2	6	...	...
Noakhally	1	6	1	6	...	...
Nuddea	3	4	3	3	...	1
Patna	1	12	1	12	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	1	3	1	3	...	...
Purneah	2	1	2	1	...	...
Rajshahye	1	2	1	2	...	...
Rungpore	3	2	3	2	...	...
Sarun	...	3	...	1	...	2
Shahabad	1	1	1	1	...	...
Tipperah	15	11	12	12	3	2
Tirhoot	4	10	5	10	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	12	27	11	27	1	1
Chota Nagpore	...	2	...	2	...	...
Total	117	177	114	173	5	9

W 2.

Realizations and Disbursements by Receivers appointed under Section 351 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Districts.	Realized.		Disbursed.		Balance.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	...	7	...	...	...	7
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bankura	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	...	...	26	...	...	...
Dacca	...	33	107	33	...	...
Dinagepore	150	200	150	200	...	...
Furreedpore	189	4	...	...	230	4
Gya	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jessore	21	...	...	...	21	...
Midnapore	957	1,203	953	958	4	249
Moorshedabad	...	61	...	...	...	61
Mymensingh	...	40	...	...	...	40
Noakhally	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	...	2	...	2	...	...
Patna	...	1,033	...	115	...	918
Pubna and Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	9	3	95	3	5	5
Rajshahye	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot	235	...	240	...	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	...	...	32	...
Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1,561	2,586	1,571	1,311	292	1,284

X.

BUSINESS DISPOSED OF IN THE HIGH COURT DURING THE YEAR 1883.

(APPELLATE JURISDICTION.)

Lower Provinces of Bengal, Assam and British Burmah.

NATURE OF APPEALS.			Remaining at the close of 1882.	Brought before the Court in 1883.	Disposed of in 1883.	Remaining at the close of 1883.
FIRST APPEALS	From Original Decrees	of the Courts in the interior.	486*a*	2225	283*c*	495*d*
		of the High Court . .	26	37	22	41
	From Original Orders .	of the Courts in the interior.	124	274	263	135
		of the High Court . .	...	...	...	...
SECOND APPEALS .	From Appellate Decrees	of the High Court . .	2	...	1	1
		of the Courts in the interior.	2,632	3,051	1,856	3,827
	From Appellate Orders.	of the High Court . .	...	...	...	...
		of the Courts in the interior.	55	143	134	64
THIRD APPEALS .	From Original Decrees in the High Court.	of two Judges hearing First Appeals.	...	...	...	...
	From Appellate Decrees in the High Court.	of two Judges hearing Second Appeals.	...	1	...	1
		of one Judge hearing Second Appeals.	5	29	20	14
REFERENCES TO FULL BENCH . .	In First Appeals . .	from Original Decrees . .	1	2	3	...
		from Original Orders . .	1	...	1	...
	In Second Appeals .	from Appellate Decrees .	9	2	11	...
		from Appellate Orders . .	...	...	...	...
APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW . .	In First Appeals. .	from Original Decrees . .	...	9	9	...
		from Original Orders . .	...	4	4	...
	In Second Appeals .	from Appellate Decrees .	...	41	41	...
		from Appellate Orders . .	...	3	3	...
REFERENCES .	Under Section 617, Act XIV of 1882 . . .		2	13	15	...
	Under Section 46, Act I of 1879 (Stamp Act) .		...	2	1	1
	Under Section 12 of the Legal Practitioners' Act .		...	7	5	2
	Under Section 23 of Act XIV of 1882 . . .		1	7	7	1
Divorce Cases			1	1	1	1
Miscellaneous Orders in Court			154	364	334	184
TOTAL . .			3,499	4,282	3,014	4,767
CRIMINAL.						
CRIMINAL CASES .	Appeals		53	736	726	63
	REFERENCES UNDER .	Section 341, Act X of 1882 .	...	5	5	...
		Ditto 307, ditto .	3	15	16	2
		Ditto 374, ditto .	7	44	47	4
	Revisions (*a*)		20	543	543	20
	Full Bench References		...	...	...	...
	Miscellaneous Orders in Court		1	41	40	2
TOTAL . .			84	1,384	1,377	91
GRAND TOTAL . .			3,583	5,666	4,391	4,858

a. Of these 48 are Will cases.
b. Of these 40 are Will cases.
c. Of these 29 are Will cases.
d. Of these 59 are Will cases.

DAYS OF SITTINGS WITH NUMBER OF JUDGES.			
Days.	Barrister Judges.	Civilian Judges.	Other Judges.
28	3	6	1
2	3	4	1
5	2	7	1
13	2	6	1
43	2	5	1
5	2	4	1
21	2	3	1
1	1	7	1
27	1	6	1
13	1	5	1
4	1	5	...
17	1	4	1
4	1	3	1
3	1	2	1
2	1	1	...
24	1	...	1
1	...	6	1
5	...	5	1
3	...	4	1
3	...	2	...
2	...	1	1
2	...	1	...
228	25	87	18

(*a*) This includes 6 cases received from the Presidency Magistrate's Court.

Y.

Appeals, &c., instituted in the High Court in the year 1883

(SHOWING DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS).

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	INSTITUTED IN 1883.						
		APPEALS FROM DECREES.					APPEALS FROM ORDERS.	
		First Appeals.			Second Appeals.			
		Rs10,000 and upwards.	Below Rs10,000.	Letters of Administration.	Exceeding Rs50 in value.	Not exceeding Rs50 in value.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.
CENTRAL DIVISION—								
PRESIDENCY .	24-Pergunnahs	4	6	1	96	67	13	17
	Nudden	...	7	3	26	40	3	1
	Jessore	...	...	2	51	44	7	1
	Moorshedabad	1	1	2	16	6	9	6
	TOTAL	5	14	8	189	157	32	25
BURDWAN .	Bankura	...	6	...	35	14	3	2
	Burdwan	4	7	1	47	19	5	5
	Beerbhoom	1	1	1	17	10	3	1
	Midnapore	1	2	3	71	55	7	2
	Hooghly	9	7	2	55	65	10	8
	TOTAL	15	23	7	225	163	28	18
BRITISH BURMAH, RECORDER.	Rangoon	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Moulmein	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
WESTERN DIVISION—								
PATNA . .	Patna	2	30	4	106	88	23	19
	Gya	4	11	4	64	15	6	10
	Shahabad	2	10	2	136	92	9	5
	Sarun	4	5	...	74	9	9	2
	Tirhoot	3	27	...	249	246	23	6
	TOTAL	15	83	10	629	490	72	42
BHAUGULPORE .	Bhaugulpore	3	11	1	70	37	13	6
	Santhal Pergunnahs	...	1	...	2	...	1	1
	Purneah	...	6	...	8	7	2	1
	TOTAL	3	18	1	80	44	16	8
CHOTA NAGPORE .	Chota Nagpore	...	2	...	62	10	7	1
CUTTACK . .	Cuttack	1	...	...	29	19	4	2
	TOTAL	1	2	...	91	29	11	3
EASTERN DIVISION—								
DACCA . .	Dacca	5	12	...	49	80	19	5
	Furreedpore	1	2	2	40	53	9	7
	Backergunge	1	1	...	30	6	13	6
	Mymensingh	...	7	3	72	65	19	2
	Tipperah	...	...	1	32	100	13	7
	Noakhally	1	3	...	21	16	3	...
	TOTAL	8	25	6	244	320	76	27
RAJSHAHYE .	Dinagepore	...	1	...	10	1	4	1
	Rajshahye	...	5	2	47	6	7	2
	Rungpore	...	2	1	26	18	1	...
	Pubna and Bogra	2	7	3	36	18	12	13
	TOTAL	2	15	6	119	43	24	16
CHITTAGONG . .	Chittagong	...	1	1	61	57	3	2
	GRAND TOTAL OF L. PROVINCES	49	182	39	1,638	1,303	262	141
ASSAM . .	Assam Valley Districts	1	5	...	20	8	7	1
	Sylhet	2	3	1	30	27	2	3
	Cachar	...	1	...	6	2	1	...
	GRAND TOTAL FOR ASSAM	3	9	1	56	37	10	4

Z.

Result of Appeals in the High Court during the year 1883.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.			Appeals summarily rejected under Section 551, Act XIV of 1882.	Total
						Dismissed on default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.		
LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL.										
Appeals from Original Decrees.	District Judge	26	5	4	1	9	2	1	...	48
	Subordinate Judge	121	36	29	13	22	4	6	...	231
Appeals From Appellate Decrees.	District Judge	513	55	21	107	18	5	12	...	731
	Subordinate Judge	800	59	21	147	31	21	13	...	1,092
Appeals from Orders.	District Judge	147	24	6	17	7	7	7	...	215
	Subordinate Judge	125	25	3	11	3	1	1	...	169
ASSAM.										
Appeals from Original Decrees.	District Judge	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Subordinate Judge.	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	3
Appeals from Appellate Decrees	District Judge	12	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	15
	Subordinate Judge	11	1	...	4	2	...	...	...	18
Appeals from Orders.	District Judge	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	5
	Subordinate Judge	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

Annual Statement 1—(Civil.)

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising jurisdiction in Civil Cases in the last year, the work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Courts during 1883.

DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population.	Number of District Judgeships.	Number of Munsifs.	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS EXERCISING JURISDICTION IN CIVIL CASES.												NUMBER OF CIVIL CASES ORIGINALLY DECIDED.						Total number of Miscellaneous Cases decided.	NUMBER OF CIVIL APPEALS DECIDED.				Total number of Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts decided.	Total Receipts of Civil Courts.	Total Charges of Civil Courts.
					OFFICERS EXERCISING BOTH ORIGINAL AND APPELLATE JURISDICTION.								OFFICERS EXERCISING ORIGINAL JURISDICTION ONLY.																	
					Judges of the High Court.		District and Additional Judges.		Subordinate Judges.				Small Cause Court Judges with powers of a Subordinate Judge.		Small Cause Court Judges only.		Munsifs.													
									Subordinate Judges only.		Subordinate Judges with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge.																			
					European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.*	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.†	Native.	By the High Court.	By District and Additional Judges.	By Small Cause Court Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	By Munsifs.	Total.		By the High Court.	By District Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	Total.			
																														R	R
Backergunge	3,639	1,906,869	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	12	...	6	748	181	24,657	25,594	2,092	...	98	291	389	129	3,84,119	1,41,693
Beerbhoom	1,756	794,428	1	4	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	15	...	81	5,573	5,669	507	...	123	170	293	20	1,11,082	86,527
Bhagulpore	6,189	3,936,932	1	6	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	...	3	4,674	264	8,599	13,540	1,469	...	301	175	476	40	2,79,554	1,20,026
Burdwan	2,697	1,391,823	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	34	...	131	13,412	13,577	1,635	...	37	379	416	38	2,02,051	1,11,574
Bankura	2,621	1,041,752	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	5	...	23	...	17	7,290	7,320	637	...	195	147	342	30	1,23,916	72,658
Chittagong	2,567	1,133,341	1	9	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	4	...	74	13,342	13,420	1,280	...	30	907	937	147	2,17,654	1,41,721
Cuttack	8,206	3,871,932	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	1,092	87	10,958	12,137	838	...	266	46	312	45	1,89,921	87,878
Dacca	2,797	2,116,360	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	11	...	52	5,400	198	18,235	23,885	1,416	...	170	446	616	51	3,49,000	1,55,467
Dinagepore	5,284	1,669,525	1	6	...	...	1	..	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	6	...	8	1,212	60	9,554	10,834	486	...	172	8	180	16	1,44,308	94,211
Furreedpore	2,267	1,631,734	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	...	11	889	46	14,982	15,928	779	...	258	295	553	61	2,02,338	1,46,618
Gya	4,712	2,124,682	1	3	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	11	...	227	2,700	2,938	486	...	192	141	333	37	1,47,570	70,979
Hooghly	1,099	1,050,366	1	7	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	10	...	23	6,077	162	13,962	20,244	2,338	...	113	524	637	28	3,02,213	1,58,175

Jessore	5,002	3,019,323	1	7	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	12	...	26	8,718	170	25,090	34,004	2,732	...	255	608	863	111	4,42,882	1,95,510
Midnapore	5,082	2,515,565	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	10	...	26	701	152	16,550	17,429	2,214	...	295	553	848	98	2,53,070	1,26,767
Moorshedabad	2,144	1,226,790	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	7	...	53	406	56	12,755	13,270	903	...	234	11	245	24	1,63,304	99,304
Mymensingh	6,287	3,051,966	1	10	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	10	...	108	22,517	22,635	1,245	...	130	1,284	1,414	86	3,96,279	1,41,161
Noakhally	1,641	820,772	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	36	...	...	11,703	11,739	694	...	522	...	522	23	1,78,874	91,677
Nuddea	2,755	1,655,721	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	8	...	24	10,896	105	7,919	18,944	1,870	...	216	125	341	39	2,49,373	1,52,288
Patna	2,079	1,756,856	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	23	623	396	3,877	4,919	1,305	...	527	222	749	81	2,75,315	1,11,295
Pubna and Bogra	3,345	2,046,086	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	..	1	5	...	16	2,065	115	8,320	10,516	814	...	262	379	641	83	1,75,501	86,015
Purneah	4,956	1,848,687	1	4	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	40	...	85	9,632	9,757	627	...	223	...	223	12	1,53,515	74,757
Rajshahye	4,252	2,049,086	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	6	849	88	8,228	9,171	719	...	277	146	423	52	1,61,453	86,915
Rungpore	6,438	2,679,526	1	5	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	9	...	4	...	1,213	13,779	14,996	889	...	100	289	389	30	2,04,104	1,29,497
Sarun	6,153	4,001,990	1	3	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	...	...	251	5,803	6,054	1,042	...	210	736	946	60	1,79,466	93,941
Shahabad	4,365	1,934,909	1	3	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	4	...	183	6,652	6,839	1,015	...	493	391	884	67	1,74,466	1,01,896
Tipperah	2,491	1,519,338	1	7	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	2	...	161	22,745	22,908	1,404	...	281	1,248	1,529	286	3,06,729	1,69,924
Tirhoot	6,338	5,215,507	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	...	32	...	321	7,762	8,115	1,027	...	456	1,106	1,562	118	2,98,910	1,10,310
24-Pergunnahs	2,097	1,618,420	1	6	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	13	...	42	6,759	298	21,335	28,434	2,725	...	426	666	1,092	146	4,06,882	2,14,844
Chota Nagpore	26,966	4,225,989	1	10	...	...	1	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	...	...	...	153	3,820	3,973	524	...	213	219	432	39	1,19,890	1,36,677
TOTAL	138,834	64,178,305	29	157	...	...	29	1	12	34	1	2	3	10	2	5	12	231	...	536	51,109	5,403	351,741	408,789	35,911	...	7,075	11,515	18,590	1,992	67,68,829	34,72,635
Calcutta	8	433,219	...	...	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	464	...	25,783	...	...	26,247	461	2,145	...	...	2,145	384	9,44,317	11,60,010
GRAND TOTAL	138,842	64,611,524	29	157	11	1	29	1	12	34	1	2	3	10	6	6	12	231	464	536	76,892	5,403	351,741	435,036	36,372	2,145	7,075	11,515	20,735	2,376	77,13,146	46,32,645

* The officers shown in this column are Deputy Commissioners and members of the Civil Service, who are invested with the original powers of Subordinate Judges.
† The officers shown in this column are members of the Civil Service, who are invested with the powers of Munsifs and Assistant Commissioners.

Annual Statement 2—(Civil.)

Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1883.

CLASS OF TRIBUNALS	SUITS FOR MONEY OR MOVABLE PROPERTY.											SUITS UNDER THE RENT LAW.								TITLE AND OTHER SUITS.																	GRAND TOTAL.
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work, and materials.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Movable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Other suits for money or movables not already mentioned.	TOTAL.	Arrears of Rent with or without Ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or Abatement of Rent.	Relating to Distraint.	Damages for Extortion, or for withholding Receipts, or on account of Illegal Restraint, or other cause.	For Pottahs or Kabuliyats.	For Ejectment or Recovery of possession.	For Recovery of Money or Accounts from Agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	TOTAL.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an Account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or other actions on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under section 261, Act X of 1865, (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	TOTAL.	
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																				
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under ordinary procedure	68,114	6,079	4,463	1,286	1,631	122	858	2,409	2,467	1,202	89,055	157,933	1,136	364	237	194	866	374	279	161,583	18,675	563	4,067	5,037	737	196	30	494	42	546	440	1	6	3	2	...	405	31,243	281,991
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under Small Cause Court powers	39,039	7,939	6,792	2,228	4,329	1,153	2,711	3,207	2,173	1,418	69,989	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69,989
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	25,904	4,762	3,330	1,145	6,881	1,290	2,888	2,196	1,096	710	50,202	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50,202
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	183	36	19	3	...	4	1	7	7	1	261	122	2	...	...	...	1	25	9	160	146	20	4	41	6	6	...	4	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	231	652
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure	1,073	79	95	62	18	4	22	15	33	23	1,424	597	8	...	...	2	7	63	34	701	620	103	27	249	72	42	6	41	...	2	64	1	...	1	1	1	...	27	1,257	3,380
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers	736	42	112	...	63	25	13	9	5	20	1,045	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,045
Chief Courts of Districts	46	8	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	63	50	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	57	35	7	...	14	6	10	3	...	3	1	1	...	5	...	95	184	24	378	498
TOTAL	135,115	18,939	13,815	4,734	12,922	2,998	6,493	7,836	5,804	3,390	212,047	158,702	1,147	364	237	196	574	966	315	162,501	19,466	693	4,098	5,341	831	253	39	539	45	549	507	2	6	6	5	98	184	457	33,109	407,657
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,050	4	139	61	44	132	20	36	6,492	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,492
District Courts—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,312	78	65	3	10	26	...	34	3,528	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,528
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,362	82	204	64	54	158	26	70	10,020	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,020
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	135,115	18,939	13,815	4,734	12,922	2,998	6,493	7,836	5,804	3,390	212,047	168,064	1,229	568	301	250	732	992	385	172,521	19,466	693	4,098	5,341	831	253	39	539	45	549	507	2	6	6	5	98	184	457	33,109	417,677
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																																				
Presidency Small Cause Court	4,815	2,477	964	518	9,002	3,856	2,739	296	449	912	26,027	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26,027
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	149	...	38	38	44	14	4	9	26	1	323	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	19	3	22	19	47	...	...	...	1	11	...	...	7	...	13	15	30	200	523
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	5
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7
TOTAL	4,964	2,477	1,002	556	9,046	3,869	2,743	305	475	913	26,350	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	19	3	27	19	47	...	...	7	1	11	...	...	7	...	13	20	30	212	26,562

Annual Statement 3—(Civil.)

Statement showing number and value of Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1883.

CLASS OF COURTS.	NUMBER OF SUITS INSTITUTED IN THE DIFFERENT COURTS.																			TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS.
	VALUE NOT EXCEEDING R10.			VALUE NOT EXCEEDING R50.			VALUE NOT EXCEEDING R100.			VALUE NOT EXCEEDING R500.			Value not exceeding R1,000.	Value not exceeding R5,000.	Value not exceeding R10,000.	Value not exceeding R1,00,000.	Value exceeding R1,00,000.	The value of which cannot be estimated in money.	TOTAL.	
	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other Suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other Suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other Suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other Suits.								
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				₹
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	—	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under ordinary procedure	4,091	49,502	5,060	28,282	76,951	13,364	31,576	20,323	5,559	22,540	13,557	5,824	4,738	...	...	...	...	514	281,881	1,91,66,542
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	13,952	...	...	56,037	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69,989	16,54,349
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	8,465	...	...	24,558	...	...	10,192	...	...	6,987	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50,202	2,79,90,816
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	554	62	34	2	...	652	33,93,584
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure	3	...	...	8	...	2	7	...	1	9	...	7	3	2,768	330	216	19	17	3,390	1,75,01.210
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	97	...	...	692	...	...	256	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,045	36,292
Chief Courts of Districts	...	...	...	1	...	8	...	...	25	5	...	91	69	200	33	24	4	38	498	31,18.172
TOTAL	26,608	49,502	5,060	109,578	76,951	13,374	42,031	20,323	5,585	29,541	13,557	5,922	4,810	3,522	425	274	26	569	407,657	4,76,69,235
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																				
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	2,433	...	...	2,940	...	...	615	...	...	408	...	35	8	...	...	...	53	6,492	2,32,303
District Courts—Collectors	...	791	...	...	1,647	...	...	527	...	...	431	...	74	37	1	1	...	19	3,528	3,56,672
TOTAL	...	3,224	...	...	4,587	...	...	1,142	...	...	839	...	109	45	1	1	...	72	10,020	5,88,975
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	26,608	52,726	5,060	109,578	81,538	13,374	42,031	21,465	5,585	29,541	14,396	5,922	4,919	3,567	426	275	25	641	417,677	4,82,58,210
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																				
Presidency Small Cause Court	8,387	...	...	11,020	...	...	2,776	...	...	3,024	...	...	505	315	...	...	...	...	26,027	19,89,465
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	8	186	70	53	1	204	523	21,61,664
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	.....
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Testamentary	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	.....
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2	—	1	...	4	7	58,000
TOTAL	8,387	...	...	11,020	...	—	2.776	...	...	3,025	...	...	513	503	70	54	1	213	26,562	42,09,129

Annual Statement 4—(Civil.)

Statement showing the general result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1883.

Part I—Civil Suits.

Class of Courts.	Number of suits before the Courts.							Number of suits disposed of														Average number of days the suits were pending.	
	Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1883.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562 of Act XIV of 1882.	Reviews under Section 626.	Revived under Sections 99, 103, 108, or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Without Trial.			Without Contest.				On reference to Arbitration.		With Contest.		Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of these pending over three months.		
									Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.				Average number of days contested.	Average number of days uncontested.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
I.—Civil Courts.																							
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	46,246	281,881	34,418	743	595	3,612	367,495	35,467	596	25,666	7,187	42,977	22,178	104,126	4,719	933	290	56,818	15,334	290,685	51,343	23,340	120	56
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	5,798	69,989	1,514	3	102	710	78,116	1,329	86	14,353	904	8,371	6,525	25,466	4,257	83	52	7,067	2,494	70,678	6,109	113	40	28
Covenanted Munsifs	72	...	398	8	...	11	489	75	5	47	13	53	43	64	9	2	1	99	44	376	33	7	111	69
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	3,204	50,202	164	35	133	830	54,568	7	94	7,166	664	6,990	9,562	16,077	344	150	46	7,191	2,833	51,109	3,452	63	32	22
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	403	652	167	5	8	18	1,253	74	4	36	14	114	70	225	1	2	1	303	85	965	324	242	258	117
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	1,491	3,390	638	49	17	31	5,616	594	21	99	61	489	210	927	6	17	3	1,214	353	3,399	1,623	1,100	224	100
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	1,045	210	...	...	24	1,255	36	4	213	...	76	72	449	28	1	1	197	104	1,144	106	...	37	23
Covenanted Subordinate Judges	12	...	...	...	...	...	12	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	5	...	...	198	94
Chief Courts of Districts	233	498	152	2	2	7	895	77	5	56	17	98	20	79	3	7	1	154	101	536	283	198	169	127
Total of each class for Civil Courts — Suits for money or moveables	23,517	212,047	9,404	164	382	2,644	248,158	9,309	353	33,257	2,231	28,152	26,375	77,788	7,297	441	185	26,438	10,342	212,864	25,895	5,069	66	34
Total of each class for Civil Courts — Ditto under the Rent Law	20,859	162,501	22,557	374	339	3,130	209,761	22,571	258	11,764	5,125	23,568	10,029	66,549	1,848	268	88	37,319	5,907	162,675	23,615	11,092	112	56
Total of each class for Civil Courts — Title and other suits	13,092	33,109	5,636	308	139	469	52,810	5,696	199	2,619	1,504	7,434	2,273	3,095	219	366	132	9,290	6,099	33,250	13,564	6,900	173	104
Total	57,469	407,657	37,667	846	857	5,243	509,729	37,698	815	47,630	8,886	59,154	38,677	147,432	9,364	1,095	367	73,047	22,348	408,789	63,274	25,063	104	47
II.—Revenue Courts.																								
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	1,211	6,492	3,474	25	47	57	11,306	8	9	2,347	262	542	1,044	3,140	50	4	...	2,006	640	10,044	1,254	204	70	47
District Courts—Collectors	7	3,528	2	...	1	...	3,538	3,469	...	19	1	2	...	8	...	...	...	29	7	65	4	1	99	33
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	58,677	417,677	41,143	871	905	5,300	524,573	41,143	824	49,996	9,123	59,698	39,721	150,580	9,414	1,099	367	75,081	22,995	418,898	64,532	25,268	103	47
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
Presidency Small Cause Court	1,557	26,027	...	...	...	...	27,584	...	...	2,514	220	9,599	1,931	5,547	61	326	128	3,533	1,227	25,793	1,801	359	71	13
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	696	523	...	...	...	...	1,203	...	...	67	47	19	67	136	...	1	1	99	45	451	752	676	328	193
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	18	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	16	16	330	63
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	10	5	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	2	6	9	9	212	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	14	7	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	5	16	16	312	369
Total	2,279	26,562	...	...	...	...	28,841	...	...	2,582	268	9,619	1,999	5,683	61	328	129	3,637	1,274	26,247	2,594	1,075	78	15

Annual Statement 4—(Civil.)

Statement showing the general result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1883.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

CLASS OF COURTS.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1883.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of										Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of these pending over three months.	Average number of days the cases were pending.
									Without Trial.			Without Contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With Contest.				
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on remand.	Received on review.	Revived.			Applications rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.				
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																						
I.—Civil Courts.																						
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	3,980	24,169	447	12	30	146	28,784	418	557	3,392	220	915	524	1,979	704	10	12	9,046	7,072	24,431	3,935	755	49
Covenanted Munsifs	2	26	...	...	...	...	28	...	11	2	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	4	27	1	...	12
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	221	3,213	...	...	1	13	3,448	...	225	354	23	80	86	205	49	...	...	1,101	1,023	3,146	302	25	27
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	54	540	11	...	2	...	607	9	6	38	6	9	18	6	6	...	...	233	199	521	77	37	50
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	317	1,758	183	...	2	6	2,266	27	37	187	29	37	52	140	31	2	...	740	672	1,927	312	114	64
Chief Courts of Districts	1,407	5,668	68	6	6	13	7,168	200	59	528	31	88	51	3,940	180	17	19	580	366	5,859	1,109	412	72
Total	5,981	35,374	709	18	41	178	42,301	654	895	4,501	309	1,129	731	6,280	970	29	31	11,706	9,336	35,911	5,736	1,343	51
II.—Revenue Courts.																						
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	61	454	...	1	5	...	521	2	26	61	4	9	5	35	1	1	...	147	94	383	136	14	45
District Courts—Collectors	11	266	...	...	...	...	277	...	8	9	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	169	...	187	90	36	39
Total	72	720	...	1	5	...	798	2	34	70	4	9	5	36	1	1	...	316	94	570	226	50	43
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	6,053	36,094	709	19	46	178	43,099	656	929	4,571	313	1,138	736	6,316	971	30	31	12,016	9,430	36,481	5,962	1,393	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																						
Presidency Small Cause Court	5	463	...	...	...	...	468	...	...	...	...	...	...	424	...	...	...	9	28	461	7	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	5	463	...	...	...	...	468	...	...	...	...	...	...	424	...	...	...	9	28	461	7	...	...

Annual Statement 5—(Civil.)

Statement showing the Business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1883.

Part I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Class of Courts.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1883.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551.	Dismissed for default, Sections 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of those pending, more than three months.	Average number of days the appeals were pending.	Objections under Section 561 of Act XIV of 1882.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Reviews under Section 626, Act XIV of 1882.	Remands under Section 562.	Revivals Sections 558, 560.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.					
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
Appeals from Original Decrees.																							
A.—Civil Courts.																							
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District	3,418	427	11,673	41	111	230	15,900	1,123	2	763	186	36	123	43	6,663	1,099	2,219	379	11,513	3,264	2,750	235	471
Covenanted Subordinate Judges	...	...	16	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	14	...	20	...
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	9,278	17,030	662	13	144	40	27,167	11,241	109	470	82	19	42	17	3,570	724	1,544	238	7,075	8,851	5,792	234	439
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of each Class for Civil Courts. — Appeals from decisions in suits for money or movables	1,953	3,316	2,067	10	12	47	7,405	2,069	19	231	66	10	58	6	1,919	258	729	113	3,409	1,927	1,364	202	112
Total of each Class for Civil Courts. — In suits under the Rent Law	5,480	8,326	5,400	21	52	88	19,367	5,402	56	702	142	38	76	46	4,428	1,173	1,622	278	8,561	5,404	3,837	217	425
Total of each Class for Civil Courts. — In Title and other Suits	5,263	5,815	4,884	23	191	135	16,311	4,893	36	500	60	7	31	3	3,888	452	1,412	226	6,620	4,798	3,341	275	373
Total	12,696	17,457	12,351	54	255	270	43,083	12,964	111	1,433	268	55	165	60	10,235	1,883	3,763	617	18,590	12,129	8,542	235	910
B.—Revenue Courts.																							
Collectors' Appellate Courts	101	496	...	...	...	8	605	1	4	26	33	...	7	6	230	47	61	48	462	142	31	76	..
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	12,797	17,953	12,351	54	255	278	43,688	12,365	115	1,459	301	55	172	66	10,465	1,930	3,824	665	19,052	12,271	8,573	231	910
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																							
Appeals from Original Decrees.																							
Chief Court of Province.—From decisions by Courts in the Interior	477	261	9	2	...	7	756	...	...	44	...	...	...	...	147	33	41	14	279	477	421	476	20
Chief Court of Province.—From decisions on the Original Side	26	37	...	...	...	...	63	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	12	6	...	...	22	41	35	242	...
Appeals from Appellate Decrees.																							
Chief Court of Province.—From decisions by Appellate Courts in the Interior	2,563	2,941	...	3	...	14	5,521	...	...	100	...	...	...	...	1,313	42	114	254	1,823	3,698	3,271	350	..
Chief Court of Province.—From decisions by a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court.	7	30	...	...	...	...	37	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	18	...	1	1	21	16	6	190	...
Total	3,073	3,269	9	5	...	21	6,377	...	...	149	...	...	...	...	1,490	81	156	269	2,145	4,232	3,733	364	20

Annual Statement 5—(Civil.)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1883.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES BEFORE APPELLATE COURTS.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1883.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex-parte.				Contested.				Total disposed of omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days pending.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on Review.	Received on Remand.	Revived.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.					
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
FIRST APPEALS.																							
A.—Civil Courts.																							
Chief Appellate Court other than Chief Court of District	89	447	26	...	...	7	569	18	35	29	25	...	17	...	161	..	182	3	452	99	25	58	...
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	366	1,719	4	3	17	12	2,121	12	44	138	155	3	219	7	599	29	301	45	1,540	569	173	89	3
Superior Appellate Court other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..			..		...	..	...
TOTAL	455	2,166	30	3	17	19	2,690	30	79	167	180	3	236	7	760	29	483	48	1 992	668	198	82	3
B.—Revenue Courts.																							
Collectors' Appellate Courts	6	70	...	...	...	...	76	...	4	5	1	...	...	...	37	2	12	2	63	13	5	50	.
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	461	2,236	30	3	17	19	2,766	30	83	172	181	3	236	7	797	31	495	50	2,055	681	203	81	3
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																							
FIRST APPEALS.																							
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. From decisions by Courts in the Interior	119	264	...	...	...	...	383	..	...	20	...	...	...	...	179	9	30	13	251	132	89	148	...
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. From decisions on the Original Side	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	.		.		..
TOTAL	119	264	...	...	..	..	383	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	179	9	30	13	251	132	89	148	..
SECOND APPEALS.																							
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. From decisions by Appellate Courts in the Interior	55	139	...	...	...	...	194	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	93	..	19	15	133	61	50	139	...
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. From decisions of a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	...	...		.	.	
TOTAL	55	139	..	.			194		.	6	..	.	..	...	93		19	15	133	61	50	139	...

Annual Statement 6—(Civil.)

Statement shewing the result of Proceedings on applications for the execution of the Decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1883.

CLASS OF COURTS.	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH.					APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF.						DETAILS OF ENTRIES IN COLUMN 9.						AMOUNT REALIZED.		NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS.											
	Pending at the end of 1882.	FILED.		Restored to the file for any cause.	Total.	TRANSFERRED.		Wholly or partly satisfied.	Wholly infructuous.	Total.	Pending at the end of 1883.	Of those pending more than three months.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Satisfaction obtained through the Court.	Adjusted under Section 258.	Satisfaction obtained with the issue of process.	Ditto without the issue of process.	With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which his MOVABLE PROPERTY		On which his IMMOVABLE PROPERTY			On which execution was enforced.	On which possession was given		On which partition was effected, Section 265.	On which execution was otherwise effected.
		The decrees being those of the Court where execution is taken out.	The decrees being those of other Courts transferred for execution.			To another Court.	To the Collector.												R	R			Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under Section 305, 322, or 320.	Was attached, but subsequently released.			Of movables.	Of immovables.		
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																															
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																															
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	47,076	244,185	7,871	621	299,753	6,539	6	114,502	127,892	248,939	50,814	18,181	69,240	45,262	80,202	34,300	98,327	18,175	55,06,421	9,95,638	1,660	5,269	...	1	4,249	24,729	292	14,092	82	105	7,363	75	5,903
Covenanted Munsifs	1	40	...	...	41	14	...	22	3	39	2	...	17	5	14	8	17	5	780	866	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	3	1	1
Small Cause Courts	3,435	37,788	109	18	41,350	479	...	11,618	24,157	37,954	3,396	102	5,379	6,239	7,426	4,192	10,543	1,076	3,03,211	68,532	473	1,283	2,584	1,151	...	...	...	182	...	...	...	...	1,456
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	3,146	8,694	636	57	12,533	826	...	4,237	4,467	9,530	3,003	1,831	2,259	1,978	3,345	892	3,701	536	56,85,178	6,38,615	64	72	97	57	1,006	25	688	6	10	249	8	151
Covenanted Subordinate Judges	3	3	...	...	6	4	...	1	1	6	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	433	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	427	663	69	62	1,761	232	...	593	425	1,240	521	304	393	200	482	111	526	67	13,24,697	48,817	10	14	21	17	116	1	77	2	...	23	...	28
Total	54,088	291,373	9,225	758	355,444	7,784	6	130,973	158,945	297,708	57,736	20,418	77,288	53,985	91,470	39,503	111,114	19,859	1,28,20,726	17,52,468	2,207	6,638	12,340	5,474	25,852	318	14,859	272	115	7,638	84	7,539
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																															
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	384	4,626	215	144	5,280	324	63	2,189	1,990	4,566	723	78	1,656	533	1,635	534	2,086	193	1,30,797	5,403	19	99	395	576	155	108	495	409	2	115	...	9
District Courts—Collectors	146	822	49	...	1,016	4	...	675	224	903	113	3	475	200	560	115	671	4	61,639	57	8	28	67	81	163	...	177	...	...	37	...	...
Total	1,429	4,348	264	144	6,305	328	63	2,864	2,214	5,469	836	81	2,131	733	2,215	649	2,757	197	1,92,436	5,460	27	127	462	657	318	108	672	409	2	152	...	9
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.	55,117	296,221	9,569	902	361,749	8,112	69	133,837	161,159	303,177	58,572	20,499	79,419	54,418	93,685	40,152	113,871	19,966	1,30,13,156	17,57,928	2,234	6,765	12,762	6,131	26,170	426	15,531	681	117	7,790	84	7,548
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																															
Presidency Small Cause Court	355	14,448	198	...	15,001	412	...	10,610	3,570	14,592	409	...	5,389	5,221	9,014	1,596	4,926	6,284	2,11,407	2,17,355	370	329	563	1,355	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction.	320	191	39	...	550	65	...	75	40	180	370	352	...	...	...	6	75	...	...	...	9	9	1	7	13	...	22	...	...	8	...	3
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Testamentary	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Matrimonial	1	2	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	676	14,642	237	...	15,555	480	...	10,685	3,610	14,775	780	353	5,389	5,221	9,014	1,602	4,401	6,284	2,11,407	2,17,355	379	338	564	1,362	13	...	22	...	...	32	...	3

Annual Statement 7—(Civil.)

Annual Statement 7—(Civil.)

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the year 1883.

Part I.—Showing the number and result of Applications under Section 344, and the number of Insolvents before the Court.

Class of Courts.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency.															Persons declared to be insolvents.								
	Number of Applications dealt with.						Applications disposed of.									Number of Insolvents before the Court.				Disposed of.				
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Filed during the year					Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	Granted.		Rejected.				Pending at the close of the year.	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Died.	Discharged.		Remaining at the close of the year.
		By judgment-debtor		By decree-holders.	Received by transfer.	Total.			A Receiver being appointed.	A Receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate.	Total.								Under Section 351.	Under Section 355.	
		Under arrest or imprisonment.	Not under arrest or imprisonment.																					
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	75	409	68	...	...	552	...	128	21	153	136	17	1	456	96	5	177	...	182	...	...	158	15	9
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	75	409	68	...	...	552	...	128	21	153	136	17	1	456	96	5	177	...	182	...	...	158	15	9

Part II.—Showing the number of Estates in the hands of Receivers and the progress made in winding up.

Class of Courts.	Number of Insolvents' Estates in the hands of Receivers.				Amount of Creditors' claims dealt with during the year.					Amount of Insolvents' assets realised and outstanding.			
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a Receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realised assets in the hands of Receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realised during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of Receivers at the close of the year.
					R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	11	16	6	20	39,563	35,226	...	1,101	73,188	9	2,586	1,311	1,284
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	11	16	6	20	39,563	35,226	...	1,101	73,188	9	2,586	1,311	1,284

Annual Statement 8—(Civil.)

Statement showing use of Assessors in the Civil Courts in the Province of Bengal in the year 1883.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed, distinguishing Criminal from Civil Courts.	Established or average number of Jurors or Assessors in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS.			Remarks.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict.		Number of Persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Section 307, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Section 307, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors.	
I.—CIVIL COURTS.												
Chief Court of District (or Officer specially empowered) acting under Act X of 1880. } Assessors	2	...	144	...	...	...	...	...	119	11	14	
Total	2	...	144	...	...	...	...	...	119	11	14	